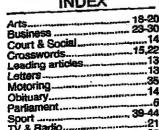
Return of the little ships: The proud armada leaving the White Cliffs of Dover yesterday on the voyage to Dunkirk to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the evacuation from the beaches. Report, page 22

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LABOUR yesterday pro-mised a new partnership ain's entry into the European exchange-rate mechanism and imposing credit controls and industry, responsible financial disciplines that would make lower interest

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New policy

for Telecom

British Telecom is to change

its pricing structure to put

more weight on rental and

installation charges and less

on charges for calls, particu-

The company also plans to

put business communications

and residential telephone ser-

vices in different divisions

and to introduce different

tariffs for business and per-sonal calls Page 23

Thatcher letter

The Prime Minister has writ-

ten to the Organization of British Muslims dissociating herself from remarks made by

Mr Norman Tebbit suggesting

that some members of ethnic

minorities fail the "cricket

ety for mistakes which

year period......Page 6

Hi-tech reviver

High-technology companies and diversification are helping

to revitalize the West Mid-

lands, where the recession

shut down much of the tra-

ditional industry. A three-page Special Report describes the

Degrees awarded by the Open

University in England will be

published tomorrow. Those for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland will appear

Open degrees

on Monday.

Baby deaths

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By PHILIP WEBSTER AND ROBEN OAKLEY

Labour launches policy for the 90s

Kinnock offers

new partnership

omy and a strong relationship with the Euro-Throughout the London lannch of the 20,000-word document, Mr Kinnock and pean Community as its programme for the 1990s. Mr Neil Kirnock launched his party's campaign leagues emphasized Labour's to end its long period in opposition with an attack determination to counter inflation. The party would spend only what the country on the Government's "11 could afford. Mr Kinnock said years of squalor, danger Labour was looking forward and under-funding", sayimagination" and condemned Looking to the Future. the Government for behaving offered new chances for the with "arrogance, complacency and deviousness". He promised to stabilize the

The programme is not costed, but Mr Kinnock agreed the prospect of reducing the tax burden was remote.
Mr John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, said detailed tax rates would not be available until after the election.

The new policy envisages a starting rate below 20 per cent, rising by a series of bands to a top rate of 50 per cent, which will in practice be 59 per cent because of the abolition of the ceiling on employees' national insurance contributions. The number of bands and the rates of tax in between would be a matter for decision in each Budget of the next Labour government. "Contents of Budgets are not announced in advance," Mr Smith said.

Nor does the document detail Labour's plan for a property tax to replace the poll tax. Mr Bryan Gould, the shadow Secretary of State for the Environment, said that publication of Labour's proposals were likely to be delayed until the Government's

City reactions, page 23 The main proposals ☐ Replacement of Lords by

Doctors and labour ward staff ☐ Acceptance of the market are criticized by a report by the Medical Protection Soci-

☐ Positive role in the EC ☐ Early joining of ERM; contributed to the deaths of mothers and babies over a five ☐ A lower tax rate below 20%

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blies, does, however, detail Labour's plans for the econ-

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The water industry would

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grid would return to state

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ment would buy enough Brit-

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51 per cent controlling stake.

The right of sympathy action

would be restored to trade

nnions, with picketing limited

by a statutory code, and there

would be a new industrial

There would be a national

minimum wage which would

immediately benefit some

four million people, and a national investment bank

which would seek private-

sector support for publicly-led

projects such as roads and a

high-speed rail network. Big

cuts in defence spending are

envisaged and an agency to help defence industries to

diversify into civil manufac-

document proposes an exten-

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turing is proposed.

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[] Restoration of the right to sympathy strikes;

☐ Stronger laws on sex discrimination and equal pay.

A Ministry for the Arts;



Radicals attack **Soviet** reforms

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE Sovet Prime Minister Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, yes awaited proposals for a free market economy, and was immediately threatened with a vote of no confidence from considered the programme

Mr Ryzhkov's programme and a supplementary Bill or pricing, argue for substantial price rises on most staple goods, extensive social security provision to shield most from the consequences of the price rises, and the gradual disengagement of the state from much economic activity.

The programme envisages that by the year 2000 up to 80 per cent of housing could be in private or co-operative ownership, 50 per cent of shops and restaurants would be owned co-operatively or leased, and the rouble would be fully convertible.

The increases, which will entail a trebling of the price of bread from July 1, 1991, and the doubling of most other basic food prices on January 1, are the first of a three-stage plan which will shift the balance to free-market prices over a five-year period.

Although the magnitude of the rises and doubts that social security guarantees will be honoured have frightened many ordinary Russians. reformists were disappointed. Mr Gennadi Filshin, an economist and member of the radical inter-regional group of parliamentary deputies, yes-terday led the group in calling for a vote of no confidence in the Government.

He urged the opposition to reject the programme as a whole, demand a referendum on the question of price increases and call for a "gov-erament of national trust".

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Energy savings | Robson to quit could be £120bn

By MICHAEL McCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT BRITAIN could save nearly UK's CO2 emissions, rather £120 billion in energy costs over the next 15 years if it able by the same date.

adopted a much stricter strategy to combat global warming, one of the country's leading energy consultants said on the eve of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's keynote speech on climate The technical potential ex-

The Prime Minister speak of plans to tackle the greenhouse effect when she tion centre at the Meteorological Office headquarters at Bracknell, Berkshire. Her speech will come a few hours before the publication of a keyUnited Nations scientific assessment of the problem, which will give a sombre warning that global warning The total investment re-

However, the core_of the Government's strategy to stabilize emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2) - the gas responsible for the greenhouse effect at 1990 levels by 2005 is "a feeble response to a very serious situation", said Mr

In a detailed study to be published next month by the saving in these sectors alone Stockholm Environment In- could account for 10.5 per stitute, Mr Leach says that a cent of the emission reduccut of at least 20 per cent in the tions.

The Italian controllers

union announced strikes for

tomorrow and Sunday and for

June 4-6 at the Leonardo da

Vinci airport in Rome. A

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than stabilization, is achiev-

A 20 per cent worldwide cut by 2005 was called for by the Toronto Conference in 1988 and has won considerable backing from scientists and

ists to exceed a 20 per cent reduction target for 2005, by a substantial margin, even with economy," Mr Leach's report says. The study suggests that such a cutback would save £119 billion in energy costs for domestic and industrial consumers, based on 1987 energy

quired in energy-saving measures to achieve this would not exceed £20 billion. His sulation for dwellings and industrial buildings, replacement of two types of gas boilers, and installation of high-efficacy fridge freezers

Committee on Renewable En-"or one quarter of the UK consumers' annual energy bill", the report says, energy

Weekend travel hit by strikes by Ridley By HARVEY ELLIOTT

THE threat of travel problems MR NICHOLAS Ridley blathroughout Europe grew last night as Italian air-traffic controllers called five days of strikes designed to hit the Bank holiday weekend and spectators travelling to the World Cup. Four British airports, including Heathrow, and two scaports will also suffer disruption with im-migration staff planning industrial action over pay.

> Copies of the Government's on sale a day early and before the Stock Exchange had been informed of the decision. It led to active trading in

strike would seriously hamper Dixons shares before the price Immigration staff at terminals 3 and 4 of Heathrow airport will strike for 48 hours from Sunday. Staff at Stansted airport will strike for 24 hours on Sunday. Dover East and West docks will suffer strike action tomorrow. At Harwich, immigration officers are to withdraw goodwill and co-

DTI error apology

By SHEILA GUNN POLITICAL REPORTER

med a "breakdown in commu-nication" yesterday for the Department of Trade and Industry's blunder in prematurely releasing a monopolies report on Kingfisher's proposed £568 million takeover of Dixons. In a short press release, the Secretary of State of Trade said: "I apologize to all concerned on behalf of the Government."

report blocking the bid went

was affected by the news. Dixons shares fell 11p to 120p and shares in the Woolworths to Comet retailing group Kingfisher rose 7p to 315p in morning trading. It coincided with publication of the Commons trade and industry committee's condemnation of Mr Ridley's handling of the House of Fraser affair.

after the Cup

By John Goodbody, sports news correspondent

BOBBY Robson yesterday announced he will be resigning as manager of the England football team after the World Cup, which begins on June 9. Mr Robson, who had another year of his nine-year contract to run, will become manager of PSV Eindhoven, the Dutch club, on July 16.

Although the Football Association had told Mr Robson that his contract was unlikely to be extended and gave permission for the negotiations with Eindhoven to take place, the timing of the help the morale of the English party. They leave today for ndinia to begin preparations

The FA was informed on Friday about Mr Robson's plans. It will release him from his constact and had agreed that the players and the medin



would be told on Monday of the decision. However, several terday that Mr Robson was resigning because of the possibility that further revelations about his personal life

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At a press conference ye terday Mr Robson described these suggestions as garbage and emphasized that morale was good and that all be wanted to do was "to win the World Cup for this country". He criticized the journalists saying that "some of you have runed that for the sake of a flimsy story".

Mr Robson said that he planned to make an official announcement next week and was clearly furious because news of his departure was leaked to newspapers. "We agreed to keep it quiet," he added.

His agreement to join Eindhoven had no effect on his commitment to England. Cesar Menotti, the manager of the 1978 Argentinian team which won the World Cup. before that tournament started. "That is football," Mr Robson said.

Mr Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the FA, said that no announcement was imminent about the successor to Mr Robson. However, it is believed that Graham Taylor, the manager of Aston Villa would be the most likely candidate.

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Executives' home comforts in the slow lane

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE next time you are stuck in traffic, imagine how nice it would be not just to relax and turn up the CD player, but also to pop a snack into the microwave oven and switch on the massage device in the bucket seat.

As commuting times increase, that is precisely what is beginning to happen. In California, where people spend as much on their cars as their homes, entrepreneurs are marketing a range of products aimed at turning vehicles into mobile households.

The trend - the automotive equivalent of the nesting phenomenon among American yuppies known as "cocooning" - has added a new word

to the lexicon: "car-cooning". "You are basically making your car like your home," said Miss Mable

Yee, president of Commuter Products Inc. "If you are going to be stuck in your car, let's make it worthwhile." Miss Yee's company offers more than 100 products in its "commuter survival guide to the Nineties".

Perhaps the most luxurious item is the Easy Driver Massaging Car Scal, which has separate units to massage the upper and lower back, as well as a heater and an inflatable lumbar support. Another hit is an electronic message board that fits on to the bumper. The driver types in a message on a hand-held keyboard and it is automatically flashed to the car behind on a large viewing screen. The catalogue suggests such endearing messages as: "Suck scissors".

Also on offer are a portable ionizer to cleanse the smog-filled air, a fridge electronic drinks bar. His chauf-that plugs into the cigarette lighter and feur/secretary has her own cellular

an inflatable neck-rest with stereospeakers built in.

Most people in California spend two hours a day commuting, Miss Yee said, and more and more are transforming their cars into offices. "The bottom line is the need of businesspeople to use their time and to use it productively and to be in touch while on the road," said Michael Meresman, editor of a new magazine called Mobile Office.

Cars are increasingly fitted with portable fax machines and desks that can be attached to the passenger seat. Mr Steven Syfers, a real estate agent in Orange County, California, recently bought a stretched limousine equipped with a video cassette recorder, two lap-top computers, and an

phone to arrange his meetings while they are travelling.

Mr Charles Perry, a Los Angeles design consultant who works for such companies as General Motors, Volvo and BMW, recently completed his own version of the "car-as-environment". The show car places the driver in the "command position" from which he or she can view a satellite navigation system, which shows the car's position on a television screen.

"The Big Three" car-makers have started to install some "car-cooning" technology. Chrysler, which tried unsuccessfully to introduce record players into its cars in the 1950s, has just brought out Visorphone, a cellular phone built into the driver's sun visor. Ford offers a similar system and General Motors has one with the microphone in the rear-view mirror.

Child benefit leaves 'party of the family' in a quandary

By Nicholas Wood Political correspondent

ANOTHER Whitehall battle is looming over child benefit as Mr Tony Newton prepares to try to persuade the Treasury to lift its three-year freeze and uprate the payment in line with inflation.

Last year, Mr Norman Lamont, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, rejected the Secretary of State for Social Security's appeal for the £7.25 weekly benefit to be increased in line with rising prices. The move saved the Government about £250 million, £70 million of which was used to improve support for the poorest families while £100 million went on improving benefits in residential and nursing homes. Now Mr Newton has decided to try again, in spite of warnings from Mr Lamont and Mr John Major, the Chancellor, that this year's public spending round will be toughest in

In the run-up to the general election, there will be a premium on moves that will prove popular with voters. However, ministers recognize that an increase next April after a three-year standstill could be interpreted as a cynical attempt to bribe the electorate.

Mr Newton has made clear to his Cabinet colleagues that the Conservatives will have to resolve the uncertainty surrounding their attitude towards the universal payments to 6.75 that the ambiguous 1987 manifesto commitment to child benefit will withstand the rigours of another election

Two separate teams of civil servants in the Department of Social Security and the Treasury are now examining government policy in this area and preparing options for possible inclusion in the next Conservative manifesto. They have been exchanging papers and holding joint meetings, but they have yet to put proposals to ministers.

Pressure is also growing in Tory thinktanks and the Prime Minister's policy unit for the family to be made a central theme of her programme for the next term. The Centre for Policy Studies is backing the reintroduction of child tax allowances - scrapped by the last Labour government - to run alongside child benefit. That idea is being examined by the two teams of civil servants, who will also consider whether the Government would be better advised to scrap universal payments and concentrate support on needy families.

Child tax allowances have been endorsed by Lord Joseph, the former Cabinet minister, as part of a wider critique of government policy on the family. In a Centre for Policy Studies pamphlet last week, he said the family was disintegrating under the pressures of social changes, such as promiscuity and ment of applying a financial squeeze to parents struggling to rear their children in a culturally and spiritually hostile framework. The Prime Minister also entered the debate, saying she did not want to see "a generation of creche children"

These broader concerns about the health of the family are also being voiced by the Institute of Economic Affairs, which has championed the work of Dr Charles Murray, an American sociologist, who has said that the breakdown of the traditional family is fostering an "underclass" of criminally-disposed anti-sociai people.

The Department of Social Security

drug abuse, and accused the Govern- and the Lord Chancellor's Department are examining proposals to ensure that absentee fathers meet the maintenance obligations towards their children. The Department of Social Security may assume responsibility for enforcing all maintenance orders, rather than merely those of women on income support, but such a step would prove expensive.

The Department of the Environment is also considering whether unmarried mothers should automatically be given priority on council house waiting lists.

Decisions on these areas could come before the next election, but it seems likely that they will also be presented as part of a package of measures for the

Mates quits consultancy after dispute on interests

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Earlier this month Mr Dale

MP for Workington, said in

the Commons defence con-tractors "should be advised

select committee". After pro-

altered the phrase to "paid

Mr Mates' resignation will

renew concern at Westminster

over the lobbying activities on

MPs. The Select Committee

pected to issue a report later

Two days ago the evidence of a private hearing of the

committee revealed that some

cash payments made to MPs

for introducing clients to a

public relations company had

not been registered in the Register of Members

Mr lan Greer, the chairman

of lan Greer Associates, gave

evidence to the Select Com-

mittee that on six occasions

during the last five years

payments had been made to MPs who had introduced

business to his company. He

refused to tell a private session

of the committee the names of the MPs but said only one

payment had been registered in the Register of Members'

Mr Greer said some people

would describe them as a

ments made to MPs between 1985 and 1990 were a percent-

age of the contract price with a

client but said he would be

prepared to settle for a per

centage of 2 or 2.5 per cent.

However, he admitted that the

figure, excluding MPs, was

In the Register published

sponsored by the same firm.

normally higher than that.

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' THE chairman of the Com- association with the company. mons select committee on defence yesterday resigned as Campbell-Savours, Labour a consultant to a company offering guidance to manufac-turers in the defence field.

Mr Michael Mates left the not to get into bed with SGL firm only eight days after he Defence Ltd whose paid hack strongly denied there was any is the chairman of the defence conflict of interest between his business activities and his tests. Mr Campbell-Savours chairmanship of the committee. His link with SGL servant". Defence Limited has been the subject of criticism in the House of Commons and the issue of Mr Mates' business interests is presently being on Members' Interests is exexamined by the select committee on members' interests.

In a statement issued yesterday Mr Mates said be refuted allegations his business interests which had been made under the cloak of parliamentary

Mr Mates, Conservative MP for Hampshire East, said:"In view of the continuing controversy stimulated by the recent allegations, it is with regret that I have this morning told the directors of SGL Defence Ltd that I feel it in their best interest that I resign, because I have con-cluded that my association with them is not belping them to start a new enterprise in this

"I have repeatedly stated that I have sought to comply with both the letter and the spirit of the rules relating to the disclosure of members' "thank you payment". He interests. I believe I have done refused say whether the payso throughout my parliamentary career".

Mr Mates acted as a consultant to SGL Defence Ltd, a public relations company, which specialises in the defence field. It offers advice to manufacturers tendering for defence contracts along with providing strategic advice on developments in defence markets.

He has always insisted that there was no conflict of interest between his two roles because he did not deal with SGL Defence clients but gave

advice to the company. In the Register of Members' Interests published in January, Mr Mates declares his

Cancer threat if ozone not saved

By PEARCE WRIGHT

TOUGHER controls are needed from a new round of negotiations next month on the timetable to phase out the use of CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons) and other man-made substances that are destroying the protective layer of ozone in the stratosphere, an inter-national medical conference was told yesterday. Dr Robin Russell Jones.

consultant at St John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, in London, urged the repre-sentatives of the countries meeting in London next month to increase the number of man-made chemicals to be covered by the Montreal Protocol. He said that proposals for a 50 per cent reduction by the year 2000 should change to a total ban.

Dr Russell Jones said even with a total ban, concentrations in the upper atmosphere of destructive chemicals would increase over the next century. The subsequent rise in ultra-violet B radiation in the Sun's rays would increase the number of malignant melanomas and other skin cancers and cataracts, he said.

Under the best agreement, he calculated an increase of 3 to 5 per cent in skin cancers. There are 2,200 new melanoma cases a year and 900 deaths in Britain and 30,000 new cases a year of nonmelanoma skin cancers leading to 400 deaths.

With the higher incidence of skin cancers in the United States, he calculates that a loss of 10 per cent of the ozone by the year 2050 (under a lenient protocoi) would mean an extra 100,000 melanoma deaths in the US population born between 2030 and 2074 and 92 million more cases of non

melanoma skin cancers. ● About 5,000 cases of prostate cancer a year in Britain may be due to radon, a naturally-occurring radioactive gas which leaks into houses from the ground, according to a report in *The*

this year Mr Michael Grylls, Lancet today. the chairman of the Conser-Bristol University researchvative backbench Trade and ers estimate the gas is linked to Industry committee, lists lan about 2,500 cancer deaths a Greer associates as a client. ear. They have identified a Mr John Butcher, the Conserlink between radon levels in vative MP for Coventry South houses and leukaemia and West, registers air travel to other cancers, after a statisand from Brussels in Novemtical investigation of the levels ber 1989 as having been and of cancer incidences in 14 countries.



Armed police patrolling around Lambeth Magistrates' Court in south London yesterday as an agriculture student was charged with the illegal possession of two semi-automatic rifles

with intent to endanger life. He was remanded in custody for a week (Mark Souster writes). Kevin Barry O'Dounell, aged 20, made a four-minute appearance after his arrest in north London on Tuesday. Mr O'Donnell, from Coalisland, Co Tyrone, a student at Harper Adams Agricultural College, near Newport, Shropshire, and living at

Wilbrighton hall, near Gnosall Hall, Staffordshire, is charged that "on May 22 within the jurisdiction of the Central Criminal Court, you had in your possession a fire arm and ou, namely two Romanian AKM 7.62 semi-automatic rifles, with intent, by means thereof to endanger life", contrary to Section 16 of the Firearms Act 1968.

Mr O'Donnell was flanked by two plainclothes officers. He said nothing. Bail was not applied for and reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Firms failing in checks on employees' criminal records

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

LARGE numbers of firms have little or no understanding of legislation which allows many convictions to become "spent" after fixed periods when checking the criminal records of prospective employees, according to research conducted by the Apex Trust.

The trust, a charity which seeks to promote employment

MICHAEL POWELL

opportunities for ex-offenders, exempted posts about half found that 448, or 84 per cent, replied incorrectly. of 534 companies sampled asked job applicants whether they had previous convictions. However, 213, or 40 per cent, of the employers also

of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, which gives many offenders the right not to disclose convictions when applying for work and outlaws the unauthorized disclosure of their criminal records.

admitted they had not heard

Only 71 firms - 13 per cent of the total - claimed to have a fair understanding of the provisions of the Act.

The research, which follows a recent report in The Times that more than one million job applicants each year have their names checked against police records, also suggests that two-thirds of private sector employers take positive steps to confirm whether applicants are being truthful about past convictions. Many said they did so by contacting previous employers but one firm admitted using a private detective.

A further example of the level of ignorance among firms came when they were questioned about "exempted" job categories - those where employers can legally insist that applicants disclose convictions, spent and unspent. Only 23 employers, or 6.7 per cent, claimed they could list

The 1974 Act gives any

offender who has not been sentenced to more than 30 months in prison the right to hide spent convictions, except where he or she applies for work involving substantial access to children, public services, such as the police, probation and the prison services, and in certain pro-fessions, such as the law, medicine and dentistry. Employers offering such posts an observer. have a corresponding right to refuse to employ, to demote or to dismiss an individual who fails to disclose all past

convictions. The Trust, which presented its findings this week to the Commons Select Committee on Employment, found that awareness about the Act was far higher within the public sector. However, of the 121 employers interviewed from this sector 15, or 12 per cent, confessed to being completely ignorant of the legislation.

Mr Bill Mather, chief executive of the Trust, said many ex-offenders faced "unexplained rejections" when seeking work.

The Trust accepted that When these were asked to cite spread too wide.

Brooke closer * to achieving all-party talks

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

yesterday that Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, could be on the way to pulling off a remarkable political feat in drawing Ireland's warring factions to the negotiating table.

After Tuesday's key talks Brooke met leaders of the Social Democratic and Labour Party at the Northern John Hume MP, the party leader, emerged apparently satisfied, like his Unionist counterparts.

He said he had been encouraged by the scenario put to him by the minister, adding that he felt the process was moving to a point where the is proposing two sets of talks parties may get round the table. Mr Hume also indicated that he did not feel that his party's concerns over the future of the Anglo-Irish Secretariat at Maryfield were in any way being jeopardized by an offer made by Mr Brooke to the Unionists.

Given Mr Hume's close attachment to the Anglo-Irish Agreement, his renewed endorsement of the negotiating process yesterday is particularly significant.

The "Brooke initiative" is viewed as now moving grad-ually towards its second phase - out of so-called exploratory talks and into a series of bilat-

THERE was further evidence meet Mr Gerard Collins, the Irish Foreign Minister, for fur-ther discussions and, separately, the leaders of the Northern Ireland Alliance Party.

The paucity of information available from official or party sources about what was being termed Mr Brooke's "magic with Unionist leaders. Mr formula" underlines the delicacy of the work, but also the sense of excitement that progress could be made towards Ireland office in London. Mr the Government's goal of eventual talks on devolution.

One interpretation which looks more probable by the day came in a series of recent articles in The Irish Times by Mr Frank Millar, a former general secretary of the UUP, who suggested that Mr Brooke which would continue simultaneously with the eventual aim of "merging". The first, between the constitutional parties in the province, would discuss new structures for devolution; the second would be talks between Britain and

According to this senario, Mr Brooke's "magic formula" balances accession to Unionist preconditions over the agreement, the conference and the secretariat, with accep-tance by Mr Molyneaux and Mr Paisley that Dublin must eventually become involved in talks over the implications for Anglo-Irish relations, the eral exchanges between the agreement, and north-south party leaders through Mr relationships in any newly Brooke. Next week, he will agreed devolved structures.

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Kirk will invite a Catholic delegate

By KERRY GILL

The Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church yesterday inched slightly closer when it was agreed that a Roman Catholic delegate could for the first time attend and address a future General Assembly.

The move, approved by the General Assembly in Edin-burgh, means that a Roman Catholic will be allowed to attend all debates with the right to speak, but will not be able to vote on Kirk matters. At present, the Roman Catholic Church is invited to send

However, the decision provoked an angry reaction from the floor. Mr John Wright, an elder from Glasgow, said the deep divisions that existed between the churches, particularly regarding the sacrament of communion, made it inappropriate to give a Roman

Catholic the status of delegate. The assembly also agreed to seek discussions with the Roman Catholic Church over the question of communion to non-Catholics.

Meanwhile, the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, which is also meeting in Edinburgh, was told that the church should condemn homosexual practices as "flagrant sin and abomination"

some posts - particularly The Rev Maurice Roberts those involving access to said: "Homosexuality is a sin "vulnerable" groups, such as which is highly unnatural. Those who engage in these employment vetting but it practices are deliberately the various exemptions, believed the net had been committing a violation of

Charter 'threat' to Rover deal

ROVER'S deal for 24-hour working at its Longbridge plant in the West Midlands. which has created an extra 1,200 jobs, is threatened by the European Commission's programme for implementing the social charter, Mr Michael Howard, the Secretary of State for Employment, said last night .

He was commenting on the commission's social action programme to give effect to the declaration on workers' rights that the Prime Minister was unable to block six months ago in Strasbourg.

Fleet inquiry

A working party to investigate ways to reverse the decline in the size of Britain's merchant fleet was announced yesterday by Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport. It will be chaired jointly by the minister and Sir Jeffrey Ster-ling, the chairman of P&O.

Right of appeal

Senior civil servants yesterday welcomed a Commons committee report which says they have the right to appeal to the head of the service if they feel they have been given illegal or improper instructions. They were concerned that their traditional apolitical impartiality could be jeopardized.

Boat protest

Survivors and relatives of the 51 people who died in the Marchioness pleasure boat disaster last summer will protest today about compensa-tion outside the annual meeting in London of RMC, the parent company of the owners of the Bowbelle, the dredger involved in the

Blasphemy plea

The British Muslim Action Front was yesterday refused leave by the Divisional Court to appeal to the House of Lords over its failure to have Mr Salman Rushdie, author of The Satanic Verses, and his publishers prosecuted under the blasphemy laws.



Aids tests urged for all inmates

PRISON officers called for special HIV units in jails yesterday and compulsory Aids tests on all prisoners.

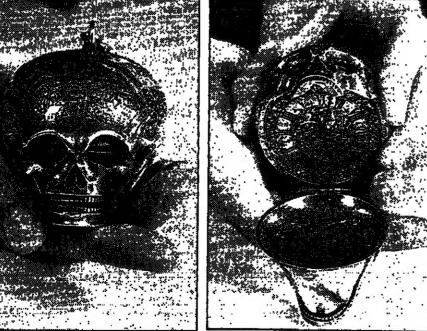
Delegates at the Prison Officers' Association annual conference in Portsmouth defied the advice of their leaders and demanded immediate legislation to impose blood tests on every inmate. Mr Terry McLaren, Wandsworth branch secretary, said: "We have a responsibility to prevent and curtail the spread of HIV. We all know what goes on in double cells in prisons and unless we identify the risk groups we are contributing to the spread of Aids."

Mr Len Jackson, a delegate from Hindley Jail, Lancashire, opposed compulsory tests which "removed the right of the individual to accept or decline medical advice. Aids tests are already readily available within the prison service for any inmate who wishes to take one," he said.

• Many prisoners inject illegal drugs and have sexual relations while in jail, and may be spreading the Aids virus into the general community, researchers report today (Thomson Prentice writes).

The British Medical Journal tells of 50 drug abusers, including eight women, all of whom had been in prison at some time in the past eight years. The report says that 47 of them had taken at least one illicit drug while in custody, most using needles shared with other prisoners. Four of the men and one of the women had had sexual relations in





Open and shut case: This skull watch, which was reputed to have belonged to Mary Queen of Scots, is on display at "The Art of the Master Watchmakers" exhibition at Garrard's the jewellers in Regent Street, central London. Also on show are what are believed to be the smallest and the most expensive watches in the world

Scheme aims to bring 18,000 jobs and £1bn to Merseyside

By RONALD FAUX

REGENERATION plans for Merseyside, designed to create 18,000 jobs and attract up to £1 billion of private investment, were disclosed by the Merseyside Development Corporation yesterday.

The second stage of the corporation's work in the area involves further redevelopment of the Liverpool's docklands and a series of investments on the Wirral. The corporation believes the new jobs will come to the city as big corporations are encouraged to move away from the south-east and

into Merseyside. Mr Phillip Carter, the corporation's chairman, said at the programme's launch yesterday: "In the

economic activity by attracting and encouraging the growth of new business and jobs. We must ensure that Merseysiders have the training and skills to take up these new opportunities or set-up their own businesses.

"We also aim to improve and enhance the environment throughout the area for the benefit of residents and visitors alike."

The Merseyside Development Corporation, which is government funded, was set up in 1981 and had its area trebled in size in 1988. The second wave" plans will cover the Liverpool waterfront from Bootle to Otterspool. Birkenhead and New Brighton have been singled out for special improvement with plans to return New Brighton to its Victorian solendour as a tourist resort.

The corporation envisages that 3,000 new homes will be built in the area with a combination of building programmes and warehouse conver-

Dr John Ritchie, chief executive of the corporation, said the investment and jobs in the strategy were expected to appear over the next 10 years. "The figures do take your breath away but our confidence is based on what we know is in the pipeline, the level of development interest in central Merseyside and the substantial changes that are planned which have transformed the perception of Merseyside."

 Emergency services made blunder after blunder when trying to fight an oil spill in the Mersey, a leaked document disclosed yesterday. Contact telephone numbers were wrong, contingency plans out of date and workers had no idea what to do, environment experts say.

As a result, more than 150 tonnes of thick Venezuelan oil was allowed to pour into the river on August 19 last year. Hundreds of birds died and thousands more were seriously injured after they became caught up in the oil, which was due to be made into bitumen for roads.

The oil burst from a tear in a 12mile underwater pipeline from Shell UK's Tranmere oil terminal to its refinery at Stanlow in Ellesmere

Port, Cheshire. Earlier this year Shell was fined £1 million in the High Court for the pollution.

Yesterday a leaked copy of the Mersey Oil Spill Project Advisory Group's findings on the incident listed the blunders which worsened the effects of the spill.

The report recommends a beach clean-up manual be prepared to identify the estuary's most sensitive areas, regular checks on contingency plans and a new guidance plan for independent action groups.

After a massive clean-up the beaches of South Devon, where tons of oil spilled after the tanker Rosebay was holed on May 12, have reopened in time for the Whitsun

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academic computers are designed to be "user-friendly", typing in "help", "info" or "guest", may be all that is

needed to enter a system.

Once there, the hacker can gather other passwords and

write programs to enter secure

Using such techniques, Whiteley ordered the Queen Mary College computer to print 198 times "I think you

hould know I am mad ... I am

also depressed", Miss Joanna

Korner, for the prosecution, told the court. At Hull, where

Whiteley "declared war" on the university's mainframe, he

messaged the system saying:
"I am taking up the chall-

enge." The system was then overloaded with data until it

stopped working for 10 hours.

Whiteley, it was claimed, then

ed £25,000 damage. Whiteley denied criminal

offence. A private member's

Bill intoduced by Mr Michael

Colvin, Conservative MP for

Romsey and Waterside, is

expected to make hacking

hacking into university sys-tems since 1987 and likened

the challenge to a game of chess. "I only wanted to learn

about communication and security. I had read in books

that universities do not mind.

They used a set-up without

passwords so that anybody could drop in," he said.

Mr Peter Sommer, author of the Hacker's Handbook which was found next to Whiteley's computer, described Whiteley

as atypical. He said most hackers break in to computers

A survey by the Compute

Weekly magazine found that a quarter of staff in the com-

puter industry had at some

time broken into computer

systems. Nearly 90 per cent of

not do any harm".

out of technical curiosity.

Whiteley said he had been

illegal this summer.

sections of the system.

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

PART-TIME computer computer security, a hacker consultant who called himself would then play a guessing the mad hacker" damaged game to finding passwords university computer discs and identity codes. Because during a six-month campaign of electronic vandalism di-rected from his bedroom, a

court was told yesterday.
Nicholas Whiteley penetrated data bases at Hull and Bath universities and Queen Mary College London, replac-ing valuable information with schoolboy humour. He was caught when British Telecom set up a monitor at the London University computer

Whiteley, aged 21, of Ascot Gardens, Enfield, north London, was convicted at Southwark Crown Court of damaging the discs, but cleared of damaging computer hard-ware. He was remanded in custody for two weeks for social reports.

The jury was told that Whiteley gained access to the university computers through JANET, the Joint Academic Network, which links about 130 universities, polytechnics and research councils whose computer telephone numbers are publicly available.

Dr Bob Cooper, director of JANET, which is based at the Rutherford Appleton Lab-oratory near Oxford, said the network was like getting on to the A1. "It is like a highway, an open network meant to encourage people to commu-nicate. There are no restrictions on the system."

Depending on the level of

Minister's opting-out decision upheld

By DAVID TYTLER EDUCATION EDITOR

MOVES to prevent a school opting out of local authority control were described as "misconcieved" by three judges who yesterday upheld a decision by Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to allow Beechen Cliff School, Bath to run its own affairs.

They rejected the Avon Comici reduct to back its claim to regain control of the 800-pupil boy's comprehensive. The Court of Appeal judges also ruled that in Mr MacGregor had not acted "irrationally".

Lord Justice Gibson, sitting with Lords Justices Mustill and Nicholls, said the council's application for an order quashing the decision was misconceived "in so far as it asks the court to intervene in what is a dispute as to educational policy between Avon and the minister".

Mr MacGregor rejected the authority's proposals to turn Beechen Cliff into a sixth form college, but he was ordered by the court in February to reconsider his decision. Yesterday's decision followed a second challenge to his ruling. The judges refused the council leave to appeal and awarded costs to Mr MacGregor and the headmaster and governors of Beechen Cliff.

• Muslim children will be denied rights given to Christians and Jews in choosing schools for their children after a government decision to refuse financial backing for an Islamic school, it was claimed

Mr MacGregor had refused to back the Islamia Primary School in Brent with £1 million of government money every year. The 95-pupil school founded by Mr Yusuf Islam, the former pop-singer Cat Stevens, had sought voluntary aided status as given to schools run by the Roman Catholics, the Church of Eng-land and the Jews. Mr MacGregor said: "I treat all applications alike."

may pay disgruntled clients

By FRANCES GIBB I FGALAFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

WIDER powers for the Law Society to deal with com-plaints against solicitors, in-cluding awards of up to £1,000 under a "small claims" compensation scheme, were proposed yesterday.

The move comes

government amendment to the Courts and Legal Services Bill, which Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said was an important step forward in helping to resolve public grievances against solicitors. "This proposal provides a welcome extension to the Law Society's powers to deal with complaints against solicitors by enabling them to direct payment of compensation in appropriate cases," he said. The Lord Chancellor would have the power to vary the maximum amount of compensation by statutory order.

Besides giving the Law Society the right to make such awards, the government amendment would also enable the society to respond more effectively to complaints about the quality of a solicitor's work where the issue was not sufficiently serious to constitute professional misconduct.

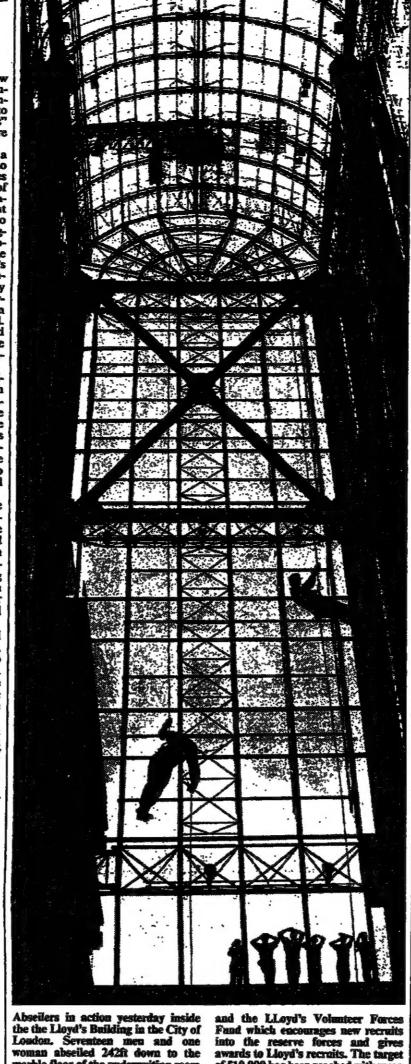
sent a message saying: "This will fill up your sodding system." The court was told At the same time, the Whiteley's activities had caus-Solicitor's Complaints Bureau, which is funded by the damage, although he admitted hacking, which is not an Law Society and would administer the compensation scheme on its behalf, announced that it was extending a pilot scheme under which complainants discuss their problems with a local conciliator.

The bureau, which received 20,000 complaints last year, believes conciliation leads to quicker settlement of disputes. A quarter of all complaints are resolved that way and the plan is gradually to extend the local schemes nationwide.

The local conciliation scheme, introduced in East Anglia and Leeds at the end of last year, will tomorrow be extended to Hertfordshire and Essex, Conciliators are being recruited from the ranks of retired solicitors and those taking career breaks. The bureau said the object was to reduce the number of minor complaints handled at the bureau's London headquarters, leaving investigating officers there with more time to-deal with cases of serious misconduct.

those said they were never detected which Mr Sommer "Ideally the bureau would like to see more solicitors said indicated "a low level of having their own in-house security but also that they did conciliation service. Complainants are encouraged first Dr Bob Cooper, however, to approach their own solici-"There are some backers who if this has failed to bring are quite malicious, who dis- satisfaction. If these methods rupt whole systems and may fail to provide the explanaeven destroy data. Disting- tions they want, then they uishing between those trying it should complain to the

as a pastime and malicious bureau."
hackers is impossible," he Typica Typical complaints dealt said, adding that moves were with under conciliation proce-being considered to make dures involve breakdown in communication between sol-Mr Colvin's Bill seeks to icitor and client, failure by create a simple offence of solicitors to reply to letters unauthorized entry, punish and telephone calls, and deable by a £2,000 fine and up to lays in dealing with clients' business.



marble floor of the underwriting room to raise money for charity and set a new world record for indoor abseiling.

All are members of the Lloyd's Volunteer Force, a group of serving part-timers in the three Services whose civilian jobs are in Lloyd's.

The money raised will go to the Royal Star and Garter Home for

disabled ex-servicemen and women

of £10,000 has been reached with more money coming in. The team leader, Mr Ray Rock, a

loss adjuster, aged 30, said: "It's what we call a free-space abseil. This means that the team made the rope descent without touching the sides of the building as they came down." They were covered by about £5 million

Sponsor of **RSC** wants state to pay arts debts

NICK GOLDFINGER

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE sponsor of the Royal Shakespeare Company yesterday said the Government should pay off the deficits of all Britain's main arts companies to allow them to "carry on with their proper artistic function. The cost would be £13.4 million, according to preliminary estimates by the Arts Council last night.

Mr Ian Rushton, group chief executive of Royal Insurance, was announcing a new record sponsorship for a performing arts company in Britain — £2.1 million over three years for the RSC. He warned the Government last October

that private sponsors would not replace basic public funding and said the Government must increase its commitment; a month later his bhunt message was answered by a 12 per cent Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts.
Yesterday Mr Rushton said Royal Insurance was renewing its commitment to the company, and called on the Government to

eliminate the debts at a stroke. He said it had never been Royal Insurance's intention to provide base funding for the RSC; this should come from tickets and government subsidy.

The RSC, the Royal Opera House, the South Bank Centre, the English National Opera and the Royal National Theatre are all struggling

with deficits. Last month Mr Jeremy Isaacs, general director of the Royal Opera House, announced that despite cuts it would have to budget for a second year of deficit, accumulating to £5.5 million. The announcement then prompted an angry response from Mr Peter Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council.

Yesterday, he said: "We support Ian Rushton's view that the spousorship should provide additional resources for the development of new projects and initiatives. Arts Council subsidy and box office must remain the RSC's core funding. We continue to press upon Government the need to increase the grant-in-aid sufficiently to enable us to put such important companies as the RSC on a secure financial footing."

Mr Rushton said: "I believe there is a special need at this time for a one-off payment by Government to clear this problem Britain's most valuable book prize, the

NCR award for non-fiction, has been won by Simon Schama for his monumental history Citizens: A Chronicle of the French Revolution. Mr Schama, the London-born professor of history at Harvard University, received a cheque for £25,000 last night at an awards dinner at the Savoy Hotel, London.

Scrapie link to **BSE** queried

By MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE

A LEADING veterinary surgeon yesterday questioned the commonly accepted theory that the "mad cow" disease is passed to cattle through feed containing animal protein in-fected with scrapie, a closely related disease in sheep.

Mr Roger Eddy, a senior partner in a practice at Shepton Mallet, Somerset, specializing in dairy cattle, said he believed that bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) could have existed in cattle for years without being recognized.

"It is possible that the disease could have been spread by the feeding not of sheep waste, but cattle waste, to cattle. If that is correct, then the scrapie agent did not jump from sheep to cattle and there is less reason to fear it could jump from cattle to us", he

"In the 1960s and 1970s, 1 came across the odd case of nervous disorders in cows which, if I had seen them today, I think I would have diagnosed as BSE. If I am right and BSE is not a new disease. the upsurge in cases since 1986 can be best explained by the feeding of meat and bone meal derived from infected cattle

Mr Francis Anthony, chairman of the farm animals committee of the British Veterinary Association, said: "There has been talk about this possibility among vets for some time."

 Bovine spongiform encephalopathy may have occurred among cattle in America at least 25 years ago, but not been recognized, scientists at the US Agriculture Department report in The Lancet today.

 Britannia Airways has withdrawn beef from its menus.

Calm returns to mill pond after legal battle

Cotswold mill pond will remain that it would be "wholly unsafe" to undisturbed as a result of a court say that the leakage from the pond had decision settling a bitter 15-year legal caused the damp in the Verney home. wrangle between neighbours.

in his duty of care under National about 1600. The Verneys had hoped Trust regulations. Mr Hugh Verney, the judge would order the pond to be his. neighbour in the village of Broadway, Hereford and Worcester, and a retired estate manager, now faces costs of at least £50,000.

Mr Hugh Verney, the judge would order the pond to be drained

The judge found that Herr Will of Mill Hay, Broadway, who bought the pond from the Verneys in December 1985 had worked on the need.

Mr Verney, aged 69, a war pensioner, had claimed that leaks from the mill pond in the adjoining and the mill pond in the adjoining and the accepted Herr Williams. the mill pond in the adjoining garden that it was very heavily silted up. that once turned one of the biggest which led him to hire an agricultural water-wheels in Britain, had caused contractor to clear it out. The judge damage to his centuries-old home, a rejected Mr Verney's claim that this converted mill house. He was seeking work had damaged the floor of the to force Herr Will, who is a judge on a pond or affected the water level.

West German industrial tribunal, to Mr Justice Ferris said he believed plug the leaks and pay compensation. the deterioration in Mr Verney's

However, Mr Justice Ferris said: relationship with Herr Will over the

THE tranquil waters of a 400-year-old to Mr and Mrs Verney." He found Mr Verneyand his wife Cicely said

Mr Justice Ferris ruled in the High the German businessman had failed Court yesterday that Herr Hanstone Eugen Will, a German businessman feed the water mill, in the traditional and the pond's owner, had not failed fashion that kept it watertight since

"Herr Will has not deliberately or next ten years had given him a recklessly used his land to cause harm "distorted" view.

Hunt widens for terrorist arms

By CRAIG SETON and MARK SOUSTER

access to JANET harder.

six months in prison.

THE search for IRA safe houses and arms dumps spread to Scotland and the Midlands yesterday as police hunted the terrorist active service units responsible for the wave of bombings on mainland Britain during the past 21 months. The campaign, mainly

against soft military targets, has claimed 13 lives in 10 separate attacks, the most recent that of an army sergeant at a recruining office in Wembley, north-west London. In the Midlands the inquiry into the IRA bombing of a Parachute Regiment bar-racks at Tern Hill, Shropshire, could be hidden in the area.

after police carried out a Yard's anti-terrorist branch in outbuildings and the detailed search yesterday at an was also alerted. Students grounds and in woodlands

isolated farmhouse just over the border in Staffordshire and only 10 miles from the agricultural college near by. The IRA gang that were among the local people carried out the bombing at the interviewed as potential witand only 10 miles from the interviewed as potential witnesses at the time of last year's holding a guard at gunpoint. As it escaped across fields, the accommodation block in February is some have been reinterviewed by West Mercia guard fired several shots at the interviewed by West Mercia

Police with dogs trained to thermal imaging equipment joined in the search at the yesterday that it was making farmhouse, known as Wilbrighton Hall, three miles from the village of Gnossal, near Stafford.

The west marked poince said yesterday that it was making inquiries "which encompass any possible relationship with the Tern Hill bombing".

Detective Chief The Victorian building is

used as a hall of residence for

students from the Harper Adams agricultural college, five miles away at Edgmond, from Wilbrighton Hall, but he near Newport, Shropshire. The search was led by clude arms or explosives. 15 months ago, was reactivated by a new hunt for an arms or explosive cache that bouring West Mercia, the into the Tern Hill bombing. A minute search was being conforce that investigated the minute search was being con-The development came Tern Hill bombing Scotland ducted inside the farmhouse,

detectives.

The search at Wilbrighton sniff out explosives and two Hall began on Tuesday after helicopters equipped with police received new information. West Mercia police said Detective Chief Superintendent Malcolm Bev-

ington, head of Staffordshire CID, said yesterday that cer-tain items had been removed confirmed they did not in-

gang before rousing 50 paratroopers who were alseep in the accommodation block.

They ran to safety minutes before three bombs exploded, demolishing the building. The IRA team hijacked a car from a house near the barracks. It was later abandoned. In Scotland police began a search of Blacksdyke Poultry

Farm near Green, Green, Dumfries and Galloway. Local police confirmed that the Metropolitan Police had asked them to carry out inquiries in the area. Scotland Yard would not give details. Mr John Gibson, managing

director of Ross Breeders, who own the farm, said: "We are working in co-operation with the police and my lips are

Adverts ban 'not political'

DERBYSHIRE county councillors who voted to transfer advertisements for school job vacancies from The Times Educational Supplement to The Guardian "honestly be-lieved" that their decision was for educational and not political reasons, counsel said in

the High Court yesterday. Several believed that The Guardian reached a wider audience than the TES, one including graduates and mothers considering returning to work, Mr Alan Newman, QC, for the council, said. It is contesting an attempt to have the decision declared unlawful.

The TES, News Inter-national Plc, Times Newspapers Ltd and Mrs Pauline Latham, a Derbyshire councillor, claim that the ban on advertising in the TES and an earlier ban by the ruling Labour group on advertising in all publications belonging to the same group, was unlawfully politically motivated be-cause the council disliked two articles in The Sunday Times critical of Mr David Bookbinder, the council leader.

The plaintiffs claim that the TES is the main channel for advertising school job va-cancies and that the ban would adversely affect child-

tional reasons, he said.

ren because it would seriously hinder the council's ability to recruit competent teachers. They are seeking a court order quashing the ban.

uniawful. The councillors knew they had to make the TES decision on non-political grounds and had acted in the honest belief that their decision was based on educa-The case continues today.

Mr Newman urged the court not to declare the ban

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THE quality of life in Britain, despite traffic jams, the poll tax and "mad cow" disease, is higher than most countries in the world including the United States and West Germany according to a report by the United Nations.

By DAVID YOUNG

The UN has developed an Index of Human Development (HDI) which provides an accurate indicator of the quality of life in each of the 130 nations it has surveyed. It uses what it describes as the three essential elements of human life to establish a ranking longevity, knowledge and

living standards. The report places Britain 10th out of the 130 nations in the quality of life league table. Japan tops the list, followed by Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Canada, Norway, Australia, France and Denmark. West charge of their own destiny in these relief to the Third World countries,

in 17th ahead of Austria, the United States and Israel. Niger in west central Africa is in last place.

The index was created for the UN Development Programme to help it target aid to needy countries. It goes much further than comparing wealth, taking in other measures of human well-being such as purchasing power,

life expectancy and adult literacy. Mr William H Draper, the administrator of the UN Development Programme, said yesterday: "We live in stirring times. An irresistible wave of human freedom is sweeping across many lands. Not only political systems but economic structures are beginning to change in countries where democratic forces had long

been suppressed.

ventions are on the wane. These are all reminders of the triumph of human spirit." The report shows that high levels of

human development can be achieved

at even modest income levels, so long as people are placed at the centre of policies. It says that there is no automatic link between economic growth and human development and that some countries have been better than others at translating their economic growth into human development. The report says that Sri Lanka, Botswana, Malaysia, Chile, Colombia, Kenya, Jamaica and Zimbabwe have been successful in this while Pakistan, Brazil and Nigeria

have failed. Rich nations, it suggests, should

British quality of life 'among best in the world' Germany is in 12th place and Ireland countries. Unnecessary state inter- which must make significant arms reductions if they are to improve the lives of their people. It says that in some Third World countries, money is poured into the military at the expense of basic necessities.

Mr Mahbub ul Haq, a UN special adviser, said yesterday: In 1960, developing countries took 20 per cent of the global arms trade, in 1987 it was 75 per cent. That is why we believe strongly that the Third World should be brought into the superpower peace process." He called on the Soviet Union and the United States to consider three strategies to stop a Third World arms build-up.

"They should phase out military bases, replace military aid with economic aid and implement a ban or a code of conduct restraining arms shipments to developing countries," Mr Mahbub ul Haq said.

Priority for inflation control: quick entry into ERM

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Labour policy document, Looking to the Future, gives priority to the control of inflation and promises entry to the exchange-rate mechanism of the European monetary system "at the earliest opportunity". The party abandons past commitments to full employment, talking only of "the highest possible levels of skilled and rewarding employment".

Labour insists that there will be no "irresponsible dash for growth" and says of a Labour government: "We will not spend, nor will we promise to spend, more than Britain can afford". However, it suggests that balanced budgets or public sector debt repayment will end: "As a general principle, the Labour government will fund non-investment expenditure from current rev-

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enues. Where appropriate, however, we will borrow in order to finance long-term productive investment in the economy, for instance in transport, training, research and development and regional

On taxation, Labour plans to change the structure of tax bands, starting the lower paid below 20 per cent and ending with a top rate ceiling of 50 per cent. Abolition of the ceiling on employees' National Insurance contributions would effectively make the top rate 59 per cent.

In a passage symptomatic of Labour's changed approach, the document says: "We welcome and endorse the efficiency and realism which markets can provide.

Conservatives is not that they accept the market and we do not, but that we recognize the limits of the market and they do not." It welcomes the use of private sector capital in building up the transport infrastructure and pledges a more open approach to economic management, outlining the likely course of the economy in each Autumn

the items comprising Labour's antiinflation strategy. "In the private sector, membership of the ERM will create a new framework for wages and other costs. Management and trades unions will know that if their production costs rise faster than those of other European companies, they will not be able to

compete successfully within the single

Entry to the ERM is listed first among

ing the expansion of credit, particularly with restraints on bank lending, can have a useful short-term effect. On public sector pay, it says that many state sector workers have seen their pay and conditions worsen markedly under the Conservatives. "We will halt this deterioration and develop fairer and more rational ways of settling pay and conditions for public sector employees."

Labour would, however, oppose any proposals for an unaccountable European Central Bank, for an independent Bank of England, for European Com-mission control of budgetary policy and for the ending of Britain's zero rating of value-added tax on food, fares, books and children's clothing. On taxation, the document says: "A buoyant economy will automatically increase public rev-

believe that investment must have a greater priority than tax cuts. The first priority is the restoration of public investment and services." The party promises a distinction between investment expenditure (including training) and other government expenditure and says that private savings will be "mobilized" alongside public investment in new joint ventures.

Claiming that the Conservatives have gradually eliminated the progressive element in taxation, Labour says that the basic rate 25 per cent and 40 per cent top rate amount to a virtual flat-rate tax: only one taxpayer in 25 pays the higher rate of tax on any of their income. "Labour will restore fairness to our system of income tax by relating tax liability to the ability to pay.

The document also pledges Labour to introduce a national legal minimum hourly wage, starting at a level of 50 per cent of the mid-point of men's earnings (the median).

The document pledges Labour to work with both sides of industry to fill gaps in education and training, science and technology, transport and communications, backing for small firms, regional policy and export promotion, calling for a "skills revolution". A national training strategy will be set by an organization called Skills UK and help will go to sectoral training councils. Looking to the Future (Labour Party, 150 Walworth Road, London SE17 IJT; £2,50 to individuals, £10 to corporate bodies)

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Restrictions on secondary picketing to be severe

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour Party would restore the right to unions to take sympathy strike action but there would be severe restrictions on secondary picketing under the package drawn up by Mr Anthony Blair, Labour's spokesman on employment.

The industrial relations rest the charge frequently levelled by its opponents that no mass picketing or flying Labour would be soft on the pickets, as Mr Blair said unions, a process started by its decision earlier this year to there will be a right to picket abandon support for the peacefully "in limited numclosed shop. It aims to bring Britain into line with its European partners.

The policy document explicitly accepts the role of the law in industrial relations and proposes the establishment of a new specialist Industrial Court, headed by a senior High Court judge, to deal with industrial disputes.

The court will have the full powers of enforcement and damages. Sequestration will remain but legislation will prevent the total sequestration of a union's income and assets in a way which prevents it going about its lawful business, such as paying benefits and representing its members.

The restoration of the right to secondary action is, perhaps, the most controversial area but Mr Blair has tightened the definition of the circumstances in which it will be allowed. Last year's review spoke of workers being allowed to take secondary action where they had a "genuine interest" in the dispute. Now the general principle will be to permit one group of employees to canvass support from another "where there is a direct interest between the two groups of an occupational or professional

Describing the conditions. it says: "This would cover, for example, situations where the employer is doing the work of the primary employer or is otherwise an immediate customer or supplier; where the outcome of the primary dispute will necessarily or probably affect the terms and

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conditions of the other employer's employees; and where corporate legal identity is used artificially to make sympathy action unlawful."

The document says that even the Conservatives have not sought to abolish the right package is designed to lay to to picket. Labour is, however, proposing strict controls, with vesterday. The document says bers, in accordance with a statutory code of practice, secondary picketing being permitted only where the secand employer is directly assisting the first employer to frustrate the dispute".

> Labour's new industrial court will be modelled on the existing employment appeal tribunal. The paper says: "The issue today is not 'law or no law' but 'fair or unfair law'. We must use the law to protect and empower people, giving them rights both as individuals and through their unions. And we need to make the law fair to make it last." Labour will introduce a new rule to ensure that where a court grants an interlocutory injunction a full hearing would have to follow immediately.

Ballots will be necessary for primary and secondary industrial action but where action is lawful individual employees are to be given the right not to be dismissed for that action.

Labour proposes that every employee has the right to certain basic minimum terms and conditions of employment protected by law under a new charter of rights. A basic contract of employment will guarantee every individual equal status, a minimum hourly wage, the right to safe working conditions and regular rest days, protection against discrimination and unfair dismissal, and rights to representation. It will ensure that employees do not face dismissal if they refuse to do dangerous work which is a genuine and serious health and safety hazard.

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Conducting the debate: Mr Kinnock pointing out his party's aims from his podium at the policy review launch yesterday

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On housing, the party says

high income tax relief on

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every mortgage payer would get tax relief at the standard

rate of income tax. In an

attempt to end gazumping,

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Constraints on local coun-

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can start building council houses and, though the party

promises to keep a right to

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document says a Ministry for

the Arts would be established

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A high-speed rail network

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"greener" cars and moves

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Better railways, financed

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through the regions. Schemes to slow traffic in town centres

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Turning to the arts, the

homes to rent.

New agencies in battle for better quality of life

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THREE new agencies would be created by an incoming Labour government to deal with environmental protection, consumer rights and food standards as part of party efforts to meet public anxiety over "quality of life" issues. A Minister for Environ-mental Protection would be

mental Protection would be Creation of a Consumer appointed as well as an Protection Commission Environmental Protection Ex-ecutive with power to set pollution standards, control dangerous waste and create a utilities. It would have disystem of "green" labelling.

intervention and regulation to safeguard the environment. The party pledges changes in road tax to favour fuel-effwith catalytic converters.

Tax subsidies on company cars would be phased out, flue gas scrubbers would be installed at coal-fired power stations and a system of energy labelling on appliances introduced. Labour would not invest in new nuclear power stations. The commercial trade in toxic waste would end and a Labour government would bring in a dogregistration scheme.

A Food Standards Agency

dards, comprehensive guaran-ENVIRONMENT tees, simpler remedies when raise standards. The things go wrong, improved policydocument promises to transform the Ministry of protection for consumers if a company goes bankrupt, compensation for injury from Agriculture, Fisheries and Food into a department whose dangerous products and a statutory code of practice against misleading and offenprimary focus was consumers rather than producers.

visions for transport, energy, The party says it would use water and communications Labour suggests introducing a system similar to that in prices, the market and "green and would deal with conperformance of the utilities.

The commission will be able to inquire into pricing, road tax to favour fuel-eff-icient cars and those fitted and would have the power to enforce decisions. A Commons select com-

mittee will have new powers to pubicly examine the performance of these industries, and call management to justify pricing and servicing de-cisions. Fuel and water disconnections would only take place with a court order and would not be allowed if there was a young child or elderly person in the household. The policy document rec-

ommends a consumers' charwould be set up to promote ter to ensure accurate proper labelling, a healthy diet information about purchases, and to sponsor research to tougher health and safety stan-

Property charge still not spelt out

THE poll tax will be replaced by a property tax linked to the ability to pay, but details will not be unveiled until after the Conservative review of the

That meant the plans would probably have to wait until July, Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's environment spokesman, said yesterday. There was no point in Labour putting up its proposals until it knew the result of the government review.

Powers to "cap" local authority spending would be abolished and a quality comPOLL TAX

 The document emphasizes Labour's commitment to the European Community, saying: "Britain's economic future is inseparable from the economic future of the EC as a whole...We believe that the EC must become both deeper and wider in its membership. It should also have a more substantial agenda and a greater ability to act."

Britain must play a "pos-itive role" in shaping the future of the Community, and Labour has a "clear vision" of the changes it wants to see high social standards, backing for the Social Charter, a European environmental charter guiding policy throughout the 12 member states, partnership, and assistance for poor regions.

Labour would negotiate British entry into the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System at "the earliest opportunity", although not at a sterling level that made industry uncompetitive or risked higher inflation. While closer co-operation

on monetary policy was inevitable and desirable, Labour "would oppose proposals for an all-powerful, but unaccountable central bank" as outlined in the Delors plan. The party is strongly against allowing the European Commission to control the budget-

Legislation on compulsory competitive tendering will be replaced. A "customer contract" will enable everyone to scrutiny should be introduced by giving the European Parliament new powers to complement, not replace, national parliaments. It should be able to initiate proposals for legislation and exercise additional checks on decisions taken by the Council of Ministers by extending its brief to the social and environmental spheres.

The document also calls for

Switch to civil tasks to save jobs

PLANS to protect the jobs of workers in the defence industry by helping it diversify into civil manufacturing are set out in the defence policy section drawn up by the group headed by Mr Gerald Kauf-man and Mr Martin O'Neill (Philip Webster writes).

Labour foresees an unquantified peace dividend arising from the effective collapse of the Warsaw Pact and the planned withdrawal of Soviet forces from most of Eastern Europe. It says that international negotiations canmake possible reductions in United Kingdom defence spending "far beyond anything envisaged at last year's Labour Party conference".

Labour's defence analysts vesterday declined to put a figure on the possible cut and insisted that the document was not specifically referring to the suggested reduction of £5 billion implied by a motion, inspired by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, passed last year. It clearly expects big reductions because of the changed international climate.

Labour therefore proposes the setting up of a Defence Diversification Agency to spearhead the conversion from military to civil manufacturing. It will help workers, communities and companies affected by changes in defence

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policy; about 90,000 jobs in the defence industry have been lost over the past decade. The agency will offer expert technical and marketing advice, channel recommendations on grants and aid, help in civil research and development and assist companies to tender for public contracts. The agency will operate under the Secretary of State for Defence, with repre sentatives from appropriate: government departments, unions and the defence industries, and will co-operate with the Department of Trade and Industry.

The main change in Labour's policy, the shift from unilateralism to negotiated nuclear disarmament, occurred last year. This year's document says the new policy has been entirely vindicated by the events of the last year". Many of the objectives set last year have been achieved, it says, including the so-called "third zero" - the eventual destruction of nuclear weapons.

Labour says Nato will be needed for the foreseeable future. The West needs an organization to negotiate, implement and verify disarmament agreements; and Nato's existence makes it unnecessary for the EC to have. any military role.

It says, however, that the role of Nato must be fundamentally reassessed; it should be political rather than military, "Formidable haz-ards remain. Turmoil in the Soviet Union and elsewhere on the issue of nationalities threatens the stability upon which all other progress

Reforms centre on devolution

SWEEPING reforms to local and national government aimed at strengthening accountability and devolving power are proposed in one of the most radical sections. County councils would be abolished and their functions divided between "most pur-pose" district authorities and regional assemblies.

Elected regional assemblies in England and a new elected body for London would have a strategic and co-ordinating role in such areas as economic planning, industrial policy and transport. Districts would be responsible for the delivery of most local services, including education. Those changes

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would be mirrored by the creation of an elected Scottish Parliament, with powers to raise revenues, within the first year of Labour taking office. An elected all-Wales assembly would be set up in Cardiff.

The Prevention of Terrorism Act, strip-searching and the use of plastic bullets would be ended in Ulster. The Anglo-Irish Agreement, makdependent on the wishes of the | housing costs. majority, would remain.

The "anachronism" of the House of Lords would be replaced by an elected second chamber with power to delay, for the lifetime of a Parwith individual or constitutional rights.

New bodies to improve standards of teaching

By SHEILA GUNN POLITICAL REPORTER

TWO new education bodies

would be set up by Labour to together with the creation of a national schools award, similar to the Queen's award to industry, for the best schools.

An Education Standards Council would work with school inspectors to measure a school's performance and work out targets with local authorities for increasing the number of teenagers staying on at school.

The policy document adopts the recommendation of the all-party Commons education select committee to set up a General Teachers' Council designated to give teaching a higher professional status. More teaching assistants would be employed as classroom helpers and nursery nurses to free qualified teach-

Although the document does not spell out a new pay structure for teachers, it says that "as resources allow" teachers making a long-term commitment to the profession would be "properly rewarded". London teachers should ing the future of the province | also receive more help with

A Labour government would give more support to parents with babies and young children by improving maternity and paternity leave, increasing the provision of nurliament, legislation conflicting | sery care and education, and improving child care facilities. It also advocates a "parent- organizations and those pean Community."

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would return opted-out dards," the document says. It schools and City Technology says that France has a mini-Colleges to local authority mum training levy of 1.2 per control. The document also cent. pledges tighter controls on In England and Wales, Labprivate schools and would our would reform the 80 phase out the assisted places employer-led Training and scheme without affecting ex- Enterprise Councils by includisting pupils. "At a time of ing trade unionists, local great pressure on resources, councillors, educationalists, and spare places in main-women and representatives of tained schools, public funding small firms. In Scotland, train-

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TRAINING levy of at least 0.5 per cent of the payroll would be imposed by Labour on British firms. The party would also consider legislating to make it unlawful for schoolleavers to go into jobs which offered no training.

measures contributing to the of young people. A Labour "skills revolution" has been watered down since the 1989 policy review after consultations with industry. Instead of ing up to four years and imposing the levy on all firms leading to qualifications rec-Labour would exempt small ognized throughout the Euro-

which already provide good training schemes. Half of Britschool contract", setting out ain's workforce receives no training. Labour's aim is that every company should be an effective trainer of its

invest in high quality training A Labour government to clear and agreed stan-

of private schools cannot be ing arrangements would be justified," it says. left to the new Scottish Parleft to the new Scottish Par-

TECs would be the local arm of a Labour government's Skills UK, which would draw up a national training strategy. "Its job will be to promote our training culture, identifying the barriers and seeking new ways to overcome them," the document says.

The training strategy would However, the package of focus on improving the skills government would replace the Youth Training Scheme with a training guarantee last-

for at least some salaried, fulltime councillors.

community charge.

The document says a Lab-

our government "will start on day one to sweep away the poll tax and replace it with our fairer alternative". That would be a modern property tax adjusted to take account of income which would be fair between individuals and fair between areas. "The new system will

substantially improve the help available to people on low incomes and will protect single or widowed, retired people living alone. People at the bottom end of the income scale will pay little or noth-ing." The uniform business rate would be repealed and local authorities would be given back the right to establish a local business rate with rebates for small businesses and shops.

Labour emphasizes the need for councils to deliver high-quality, value-for-money rubbish collections, street cleaning, libraries, meals on wheels, home helps and other services offering people ary policies of member

know what they are entitled to, how much the service costs and what to do if anything goes wrong. Every organiza-tion providing services would have to abide by its customer contract and that were broken there would be a sanction.

mission would replace the Audit Commission, introducing quality assurances, pub-lishing guidelines and codes of integrated transport network. dures. There will be provision and eastern Europe.

membership of the EC to be extended to countries such as practice covering service con- Austria and Norway and the tracts and complaints proce- new democracies of central

Pensions and child benefit will rise

THE old age pension will increase by at least £5 a week if Labour comes to power and Child benefit would rise substantially in the first year of government (Richard Ford writes).

The document admits, however, that Labour would not be able to implement all its health and social policies at once and that some might well take the lifetime of a Parliament, "Labour's priorities are clear and we believe they are widely shared. The three groups with the greatest needs are pensioners, children and people with disabilities," it says.

Under Labour, tax relief on private health policies taken out by pensioners or by their relatives on their behalf would end. The Party's assault on public subsidies to the private health care sector would also result in the ending of the "hidden subsidies" when doctors work privately in National Health Service time.

Free eye tests and dental checks would be brought back and Labour promises a

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nationwide initiative to cut premature deaths from heart and lung disease. Stronger controls on tobacco advertising would be introduced.

Under Labour, a Patients' Charter would "guarantee" a personal service, reduced waiting lists and an effective appointments system within the National Health Service. Women would have the right to visit a woman's health centre and see a woman doctor. The policy of compulsory tendering in NHS services such as catering, laundry and domestic services would end.

However, the Party is cautious about the speed with which it can achieve its ambitions for the service. During the local election campaign Mr Robin Cook. Shadow Health Secretary, said the party would spend £3 billion over the lifetime of a parliament to restore NHS underfunding and meet the rising demands of an ageing population. No such figure appears in the document published yesterday.

On Social Security, Labour would restore the link between pensions and earnings, and promises a minimum increase of £5 a week for a single person's pension and £8 for a married couple. A special addition to the pension would be introduced for those over 75.

Although the party wants everyone with a serious disability to receive a benefit, the documents admits that a start can only be made when resources

It will introduce a proper carer's benefit for people who look after elderly, sick or disabled relatives and who often must give up work to do so.

A national personal pensions plan, building on the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (SERPS), would be introduced based on an individual's 20 best years' earnings,

Industry cautious as consumer groups seek details

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LABOUR'S policy review re-ceived a predictably mixed reaction last night with doctors, farmers and consumer groups demanding to know more details about the

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Industry, however, awarded it qualified approval with the British Institute of Manage-ment even venturing to offer broad support for the forward-looking policy on industrial relations".

Mr Peter Benton, the institute's director general, "concentrate on key issues said he particularly welcomed which would help enterprises Labour's plans to abandon the closed shop and to define the productivity." industrial relations framework in terms of individuals. "The overwhelming majority of managers support the individwal's right not to be refused employment on the grounds of membership or non-membership of a trade union," he said.

Labour's intention to retain strike ballots and elections for union officials were necessary to ensure unions were accountable to their members, he said, while proposals for employment legislation to encourage arbitration were

However, the institute was concerned, Mr Benton added, on how a proposed training levy would be defined and monitored. "Training requires a carrot, not a stick. We would tice for passenger travel, in-

like to see voluntary employer troduced in 1985, which contributions to training recreated a system of arbitration warded with generous tax

The Institute of Personnel Management warned the party last night that it considered further, extensive employment legislation to be inopportune. Mr Brian Ward Lilley, its director general, said it was time both main parties called a halt to changes in employment laws and, instead, called on them to

of employment law."

Labour's idea of "passenger charters" to ensure public transport reflected passenger needs, including standards covering safety, reliability, comfort and accessibility. However, a spokesman said: "It would no doubt be based

All student loans may be scrapped

loans as a first step to scrapping the Government's scheme for "student support".

Mr Jack Straw, the party's education spokesman, said it the right to a top-up loan. That might be cheaper to write off loans than retain expensive machinery for collecting repayments. Ministers have pre-dicted that up to 500,000 students in higher education will take up the offer of a £420 interest-free loan this year.

That would mean that at least £210 million would be outstanding in May 1991, a possible date for the next general election. If the poll was delayed until 1992 the figure would more than double. Mr Straw said a Labour government would wind up the Glaseow-based Student Loans Company which, set up by the present Government to run its loan scheme and which would cost £250 million a year

"We would have to look at the costs of collection as against the cost of writing off the outstanding debt," be said. "If it was going to cost us more to collect them we would probably write them off."

Mr Straw's comments were welcomed by the National Union of Students. Its president, Miss Maeve Sherlock, said: "It is very pleasant to have the prospect of a govern-

Mr Lilley said all political parties should recognize that most employers and workers do not turn to the law to settle disputes. "Britain's personnel practitioners have told the Government that the present Employment Bill is unnecessary," he said. "Now we say to the Labour Party that the time is inopportune for more big changes in the field

British Rail endorsed on our existing code of prac-

AN INCOMING Labour gov- ment that is pragmatic rather ernment would consider writ- than dogmatic in its approach ing off all outstanding student to student loans." Mr John MacGregor, Sec-

retary of State for Education and Science, accused Labour of wanting to "deny students means less money for students," he said. "How do they propose to

pay for student maintenance? Will they go on asking taxpayers, most of whom will never earn as much as the average graduate, to pay for students living expenses?

Mr Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said he welcomed Labour's "recognition of the exessive de- it will end the "hidden submands being placed on the



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tomer complaints." London Regional Transport said it already did all it can to meet passenger aspirations within the current "financial

constraints." The Trades Union Congress, which is still involved in internal discussions on labour law, declined to comment on the policy document and it is understood the movement's main policy-making body is divided on some aspects of the proposals.

The Confederation of Brtitish Industry also refused to respond, stating it had "well-established policies on the economy, employment and industrial issues."

Labour's proposals on farm-ing and food came as little surprise. The proposal for an independent Food Standards Agency has long had the backing of the Consumers' Association and other watchdog groups concerned about the ability of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, as presently constituted, to protect the consumer interest.

In a cautious reaction, the National Farmers' Union said: This is a broad reiteration of well-known Labour Party policy. The NFU is continuing to have talks about future policy with Labour's front-bench team. We certainly welcome the statement that farmers should have a role as managers of the countryside as well as producers of food".

Mr John Beishon, director of the Consumers' Association, said: "The Food Standards Agency and the Consumer Protection Commission are good ideas in principle, but everything will depend on what sort of powers they will have. A Food Standards Agency would serve little point unless it is completely independent of the Government.

The British Medical Association, meanwhile, welcomed Labour's plan to bring back free eye and dental checks and to apply stronger controls to tobacco advertising. However, it warned Labour against measures that could inhibit private practice and said that its plans would have to be backed by resources.

The Labour document says sidies" when doctors work privately in National Health Service time. It also says that its long-term aim is to make the NHS so good that private practice would disappear. Mr Paddy Ross, chairman

of the BMA's consultants committee pointed out that the Government had just introduced new contracts spelling out fixed NHS commitments such as operating sessions but allowing doctors flexibility for other NHS work and private work.
"There is no such thing as NHS time - as long as we do not do private work when we are supposed to be doing operating sessions. You can-

not spell out a 9-5 day."

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Police applaud Labour's plans

MR ROY Hattersley, the Shadow Home Secretary, yes-terday unveiled Labour's policy for law and order to representatives of 125,000 police in a speech warmly applauded by the annual con-ference of the Police Federation in Scarborough.

A day after the conference greeted Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, in silence, Mr Hattersley was given a reception a minister might normally expect.

Yesterday, bouts of appl-ause greeted a speech which unveiled Labour's blueprint and placed the party firmly behind the police in their dispute over the Government's decision to ignore arbitration on new housing allowances. Mr Alan Eastwood, federation chairman, said after the speech that the blueprint ould be carefully analysed. Officials privately welcomed many of the ideas but there were reservations over a

number of proposals and

some delegates were sceptical. During the speech the con-ference applauded Labour plans to repossess institutions, such as the Forensic Science Service, if they are privatized and supported the party's intention to set up a licence authority for the private security industry. For years, Mr Hattersley said, Labour had opposed licensing because it would result in private staff doing work which was not theirs to do. Now those tasks were being done without

He was also opposed to security firms taking over the role of the police. At Felixstowe recently, the dock police had been replaced with an organization which included a woman who had worked at a check-out till and had received two weeks' training. "The idea she could perform the police officer's task is grotesque," he said.

Delegates also welcomed plans to speed up the complaints system, creating an independent investigation em and putting more effort into serious complaints rather than allowing overconcentration on minor infringements. Justice for policemen, Mr Hattersley said, had to be swifter.

Delegates were silent as Mr Hattersley spoke of setting up a new appeals system allowing dubious convictions to be examined by a tribunal not made up solely of judges. Labour was thinking of cases such as the Guildford Four but Mr Hattersley said nothing would be done without discussions with the judiciary and the legal profession. "I believe a Home Secretary must have the right to put a case to a tribunal not exclusively made up of lawyers," he said.

Mr Hattersley attracted great support when he attacked the Government for turning down the proposals for housing allowances put forward after arbitration. "If this conference is angry it is not angry because it has asked for something and not been granted it but because something it already possesses is being taken away."



Mr Nigel Lawson, the former Chancellor, collecting in the City yesterday for the Royal Marsden cancer hospital's £25 million redevelopment appeal.

Thatcher disowns ethnic test remarks by Tebbit

By Quentin Cowdry, home affairs correspondent

THE Prime Minister has pub- that the Prime Minister dislicly dissociated herself from the controversial claim made by Mr Norman Tebbit, former Conservative Party chairman, that some members of the ethnic minorities fail the "cricket test", it was disclosed yesterday.

Earlier this month, she wrote to the Organization of British Muslims saying she disagreed with Mr Tebbit's assertion that a useful test of the national loyalties of a nonwhite British citizen was whether he or she would cheer Times that a "real problem" for England in a cricket match. Some Labour MPs and ethnic ethnic minorites refused to see minority groups subsequently accused Mr Tebbit of racism. In her letter, released by the

organization, she said she felt sure Mr Tebbit had not intended to be insulting, especially in view of the "enormous contribution" that Asians had made to British

She added, however: "I do not agree with what he said and I am glad that you have written to Norman to let him know of your concerns." The letter was not marked confidential.

Yesterday, Mr Abdul Bahal-

agreed with Mr Tebbit. He added: "It was interesting he didn't level the accusation against the black community - perhaps fearing a violent reaction. He picked on the Asian community because, like some other commentators, he thinks we're a soft target."

The furore over the "cricket test" remark erupted last month when Mr Tebbit, discussing the issue of immigration, told the Los Angeles was that some members of the themselves as British first. During cricket matches some Britons of Asian extract, for example, did not know who to "cheer for", he said.

The Organization of British Muslims also released a copy of a letter, dated May 7, written by Mr Tebbit to Mr Bahalim in which the MP declined to apologize for the mer national secretary of the and boost its prosperity." Anglo Asian Conservative Society.

In the missive, Mr Tebbit, declares himself to be an "integrationist" who has no im, the body's national sec-retary, said he was delighted to apartheid as a policy towards

he say the alternative policy places an onus on ethnic minorities to "integrate fully into the community". Clearly signalling his intention not to apologize, he says: "To express loyalties with countries outside the state whose nationality one has adopted seems to me a mark of failure to integrate into that society.

"If we are to have black or brown or yellow British people, they must look forward with their adopted country, not backwards to their origins. Otherwise we will have in these islands foreign enclaves, not a United Kinedom. Mr Bahalim, who has met

Mrs Thatcher and other senior party officials on numerous occasions, said it was vital that the ethnic minorities were not made to feel like "para-sites" or "unwanted children". He added: "Groups like the Muslims are a major asset who can help Britain build comment. Mr Bahalim is for- bridges with other countries

The "cricket test" remark came in the wake of the failure of Mr Tebbit and 43 other Tory right-wingers to block a government Bill proposing the issuing of full British passretary, said he was delighted to have received confirmation non-white British groups. But residents and their families.

Status of unwed couples reviewed

THE Scottish Law Commission yesterday announced that it was to seek views on reforming the law concerning unmarried couples who live together as man and wife.

The commission has issued The commission has issued a consultation paper, The Effects of Cohabitation in Private Law, which asks whether either party should be able to apply for financial aid after a relationship ends, in a similar way to so-called "ordinary" according to the consultation of "palimony" arrangements in the United States.

The paper gives the example of a woman who, unpaid, helps to build up a business owned by the man with whom she lives, but then the relationship breaks down.

If the couple was married, she would be able to claim compensation for any advantage enjoyed by her husband. However, if the couple was unmarried, the woman would have no statutory claim and might find it difficult to pursue her case under existing common law.

Similarly the commission asks whether one party can claim maintenance for the unkeep of their child, and also claim future financial belo to share the economic burden equally between both parties."

At present, if one partner dies intestate the other has no right to any property. The commission asks where, if at all, a partner should appear in the list of those entitled to succeed on intestacy, but distinguishes between habitations of a long and short duration.

It says that more couples are now cohabiting without marrying. According to Population Trends, published last winter, about 900,000 men and women aged under 60 were cohabiting in 1986-1987 in Britain. However, living together is most common in south-east England and tends to become less common the further north one

Dr Eric Clive, of the commission, said that public opinion in Scotland, measured in arecent poll by System Three, favoured more generous treat-ment of cobabitees in many. circumstances. He agreed that opposition could be expected from church groups.

In the System Three poll 85 per cent of the sample questioned were in favour of allowing a woman, who had helped her partner in, say a successful business venture, a statutory claim. In cases wherea five-year relationship ended. 68 per cent were in favour of equal sharing of goods boughtfor the home by either of the cohabitees. More than three quarters would give the woman a claim for maintenance for herself if she had custody of a child born during the relationship.

The commission wants a response from interested. members of the public and organizations by October It is also seeking views on cohabitation contracts, insurance policies and occupancy. rights when there is domestic. violence between partners.

The Effects of Cohabitation in Private Law. (Published by the Scottish Law Commission, Causewayside, Edinburgh)

Parliament

Lack of funds limits use of kidney 'wonder drug'

A "wonder drug" for kidney patients is not being prescribed by some regional health authorities because their budgets are already overstretched. Sir Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury, C), President of the National Federation of Kidney Patient Associations, said during a short debate.

He told MPs: "I cannot stev He told MPs: "I cannot stay

silent on this matter. What is the point of creating wonder drugs if, when we have got them, we cannot afford to prescribe He said that after suffering kidney failure, he had been a guinea pig in trials of the drug,

Erythropretin or EPO, which he had been told could give him back his haemoglobin, energy hard to be a kidney patient not in receipt of the drug. I am one the same.

About 1,500 of the 8,000 patients on dialysis needed EPO which was very expensive. His consultant in Oxford had only of the lucky ones."

association homes was pre-dicted yesterday despite the

"revolution" in the financial

During a short debate in the

than 50,000 new homes were excepted.

Commons, Mr Christopher Chope, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said that

sion and prosperity.



od colour.

Today I would have found it those who could benefit. Elsewhere the story was too often

age, as tough on a consultant who wants to prescribe as on the

More homes predicted

A massive expansion of housing expected to be completed for

for the Environment, said that the Environment, said that the support completions. Overall, they were still on course for massive expansion.

If anything had gone wrong, it was that the associations had reproduct to the changes even

forward to many years of expan-

Over the next two years, more than the Government had

completion.

Secretary of State for Health, said that the drug represented a tremendous advance in renal medicine. He was very much aware of the need to find a way to make it available. But he did not accept the uggestion that this be achieved by "some form of central fund-ing" of the particular need of a health authority for this drug.

"It is a heart-breaking mess-

occupation by people in housing need and 41,000 units were

between approval and

scheme approvals would have

to be cut back sharply this year

but this would have little impact upon completions. Overall, they

more quickly and impressively

The number of planned

Houses rise

Both Houses of Parliament adjourned yesterday for the spring recess. The Lords will return on June 4 when they will debate the War Crimes Bill. The

Commons returns a day later. On June 6 MPs will debate an Opposition motion on the wel-fare of children followed by a debate on an order on teachers' pay. The order will allow those local authorities which have not already paid the latest increase to do so by July.

Conservative MPs are seeking an early debate on Labour's policy document published

Phone tap baffles manager

The tapping of the home tele-phone of one of British Telecom's acting managers in Scotland was bitterly criticized in the Commons yesterday by Mr Robin Cook (Livingston, Lab). The man was baffled by it,

He explained that Mr T. McSherry, the acting manager of the Livingston exchange, experienced interference on his telephone and discoverd a phone tap in a remote part of the

British Telecom said the de-vice was in response to an Oftel request to check telephone billing. Mr McSherry had no criminal record and not the remotest link with a terrorist organization.

There was the suspicion that it may have been an attempt to check on his soundness and loyalty before making his appointment permanent. The problem was that Mr McSherry did not know to

whom to complain.

There was a growing belief that most telephone tapping was now being done not by MI5 or Special Branch, but through the Government Communications Headquarters and the Foreign

Lord James Douglas-Hamil-ton, Under Secretary of State, Scottish Office, said that if Mr McSherry believed his telephone was being unlawfully tapped he should report it to the The law provided for protec-tion of the individual against

unlawful interception, but the ability to tap was important in catching criminals, particularly those involved in subversion, terrorism or drug offences.

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ticized in a report today for mistakes and misjudgements which contributed to the or after childbirth.

number of British hospitals ing delivery. over a five-year period, and were catalogued by the Medirepresents doctors in neg-

Although more than three births were accident free, the cause was not reported. tragedies should not be dismissed as isolated incidents, the report in the British Medical London, says five infant cal Journal says. The error deaths and one maternal death were directly attributed include inadequate for death were directly attributed include inadequate for the maternal death were directly attributed for the maternal death were directly attribute tal heart monitoring, the utable to the misus wrong use of forceps in deliv-during deliveries. eries, and poor supervision by senior staff of their junior colleagues. In 20 cases, the seniors failed to come to the labour ward when asked for

ruptured uterus, which in one case was not diagnosed for of the baby was conducted.

our ward staff are strongly cri- doctors and given blood transfusions.

Another died septicaemia, and a fourth of deaths of 19 babies, brain toxic shock. Two other damage to 45 others, and the women died after hysterecdeaths of six mothers during tomies performed on them as a result of severe lacerations of

Twelve of the babies were stillborn and seven died cal Protection Society, which within a week. Five deaths that they reflect more general during birth, five were caused million babies were born dur-ing the same period and most syndrome. In eight cases, the

utable to the misuse of forceps

In 14 cases signs of foetal distress during labour went unnoticed or were ignored by doctors or nurses, and in many others there were flaws in the reading or use of Two of the women died of a monitoring equipment. In 11 cases no electronic monitoring

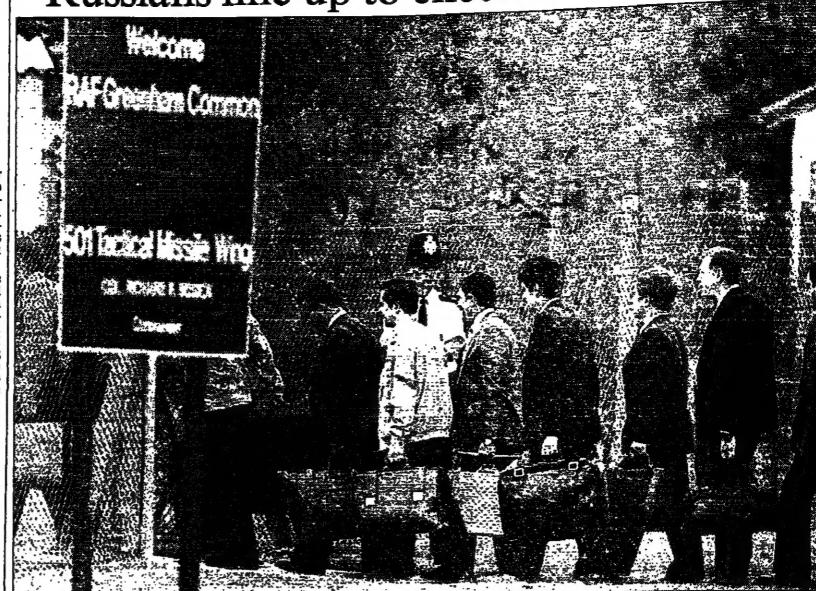
HOSPITAL doctors and lab- woman was seen by several cizes senior doctors for their failure in 20 cases to come to the labour ward when contacted by junior colleagues. "There seems to be inadequate supervision of doctors in the labour ward," the report

"The cases in this series The tragedies occurred in a the uterus they sustained dur- could be dismissed as isolated incidents from which little can be learnt," the report concludes. "We believe, however, were due to lack of oxygen problems, namely concerning by brain damage and one was interpret foetal heart traces accurately, their ability to use forceps, and the participation of senior staff in running a

British Medical Journal today.

The doctors at University College Hospital, central Lon-don, describe two patients, both young men, who died from heart attacks after inadvertently eating the nuts in meals. A third man and a boy recovered. All four were known to have allergic reactions to nuts and had a The report strongly criti- history of or signs of asthma..

Russians line up to check on Greenham



Two Soviet inspection teams queue to gain entry to the RAF base at Greenham Common, Berkshire. The Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces
Treaty inspectors will check the accuracy of the bi-annual exchange of weapons data between the United States and the Soviet Union.

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NHS financial management is weak, MPs say

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

payment of bills are affecting patients and storing up worse problems for the future, according to MPs.

In one of its most hardfinancial management of right kind of grip on their affairs and agreed that crisis billion annual budget remains "weak". It says the short-comings could threaten the Government's NHS reforms, which will require health of- authorities which delay paying ficials to be much more cost-

conscious. "The management executive face formidable prob- six weeks. lems; and it will take a strong lead from the centre backed by vigorous action both to elimito make the new arrangements

work as intended." Since 1987 many health authorities have faced serious financial difficulties. In spite of efforts to improve budgeting, the committee found that by May 1989 health authorities were committed to spending £50 million over budget. "As a consequence of their

financial difficulties, some districts took emergency measures in 1987/8 of a stop-go

financial difficulties in the closures and deferral or National Health Service such cancellation of service as ward closures and the late developments and estate

The report added: "The Management Executive admitted that similar problems had continued in hitting reports this session, the 1988/89 and 1989/90. They Commons public accounts attributed these to failure by committee concluded that some managers to have the

must be taken against health creditors for months to try to balance the books. A code requires bills to be paid within

"As well as increasing future financial pressure on authorities, it may rebound in the alienation of suppliers," the

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report said. The committee suggests more penetrating and random checks on health authorities' budgets together with strict targets to try to prevent overspending.

Management in the National Health Service (House of Commons Committee of Public Ac-counts 16th report, Stationery Office, £7.15 net)

Rail buff, 13, wins 125,000-mile award

A BOY aged 13 who clocked up 125,386 miles by train last year became a British Rail young Super Traveller of the Year yesterday.

is quite good but the provincial service is not so good."

This weekend, with his father Ronald, an accountant with the Yorkshire Electricity

He achieved the highest mileage in the eight years of the competition organized by Rail Riders, British Rail's club for people aged 5 to 15. Jonathon Carter, from Whitkirk, Leeds, West Yorkshire, won the 11 to 15 age group and was previously a super traveller in 1985. He has travelled over half a million miles by train in

the past seven years. His favourite journey is along the Devon and Cornwell

Rail's service? "The InterCity

with the Yorkshire Electricity Board, Jonathan will attempt to beat the British record for travelling to the four extrem-ities of the land: from Thurso, to Arisaig, Lowestoft and Penzance. The record stands at 48

hours and 15 minutes. The super traveller in the the eight to 10 age group was Clare Binns aged eight from Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, with 31,745 miles. Her younger brother Thomas, aged five, took the title for the five to coast. His verdict on British seven age group with 30,225



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Israel will not allow UN observers in territories

MR MOSHE Arens, the Is- present time. But in my view I rachi Foreign Minister, said yesterday that United Nations observers would not be allowed in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, even if such a plan were approved by the UN Security Council.

Security Council resolution on sending an observer force.

Israel has insisted that its

"I hope that this is not going to take place," Mr Arens said. Israel would not accept UN observers on territory under ment a day earlier that the United States would consider supporting the dispatch of observers to the occupied territories. Mr James Baker, the Secretary of State, said in Washington on Wednesday that "we would be prepared to discuss the question of a UN observer team, if that indeed does come up at the Security Council session".

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The council is scheduled to meet in Geneva today to hear an appeal by Mr Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, for protection for the 1.7 million Palestinians in the West Bank Israeli security forces since Sunday, when an Israeli man fired on Gaza workers, killing seven and wounding 11. Israel's bandling of the disturbances has drawn widespread international criticism.

Mr Baker's announcement was the latest in a series from Washington that suggest increasing trouble over the United States' traditionally strong relations with the Jewish state. In recent weeks the Administration has been critical of Israel's policy of settling more Jews in the occupied territories and of its failure to get peace talks under way.

Mr Arens said he did not feel relations with the United States were deteriorating. "There are disagreements even among the closest of partners, and we certainly

would not characterize the situation as deterioration." He said Israel hoped to convince the United States to veto any

actions in the territories are monitored by independent groups, such as the Inter-national Committee of the Israeli control." He was react-ing to the surprise announce-and that UN observers would be unnecessary and a violation of Israel's sovereignty.
"We feel there is no jus-

tification for the stationing of UN observers in areas that are legitimately under Israeli con-trol," Mr Arens said, "I am very seriously concerned that they would not contribute to tranquillity in the area and that those people who incite the violence in the area ... would feel encouraged."
He commended the Army's

performance this week, saying it had "succeeded in restoring a reasonable measure of tranquillity using a minimum of force". The latest victims and Gaza Strip. Fifteen were a boy, aged 15, shot dead Palestinians from the territories have been killed by troops in the West Bank town were a boy, aged 15, shot dead of Ramallah, and an eightyear-old boy who died of a head wound on Wednesday after he was shot from a police car in the Gaza village of Bani Suheila, Arab reports said. The Army confirmed both deaths but said it was investigating the circumstances.

Mr Arens said Israel was also concerned about the Arab summit in Baghdad next Monday. Arab leaders had expressed concern about the immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel, but Mr Arens claimed that "the numbers are insignificant". The settlement of Soviet Jews in the territories was "really a red herring".

 GENEVA: UN officials say no resolution on the territories is expected to emerge from today's Security Council session, nor is any draft being have some disagreements with discussed, at least not put the United States at the (Alan McGregor writes). discussed, at least not publicly



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Police raising their riot shields, above, to protect Rafael de Paula, below, after he refused to fight a timid bull

Fear defeats a top bullfighter

torero faced each other briefly across the sands of Madrid's monumental bullring.

Rafael de Paula, one of Spain's leading builfighters, watched his assistants lead the great black bull across the ring, waving their capes before it. In one lunge, the animal hooked hard to the right and slashed the pink-and-yellow cloth of a cape. This was the first of two bulls he was to kill on Wednesday in an important fight of the month-long San Isidro

Two of Señor de Paula's team failed to place pairs of banderillas in the beast's hump. The bull, bred to fight nobly in the ring, turned and ran from a mounted picador who tried to lance it.

"That bull wants to kill me," the gypsy bullfighter

A TIMID bull and a fearful the fence surrounding the ring, watching warily in case the bull should begin its charge. Five minutes passed, and the trumpets blared a warning that Señor de Paula must fight the bull. Five minutes more and another trumpet blast, but he stood still.

On the third blast, he turned and walked, head down, into the narrow alleyway behind Around the arena the crowd

whistled and jeered. A rain of cushions flew through the air displeasure plain. Señor de Paula, who has had similar bouts with fear in the past, was escorted out of the arena by police to face possible disciplinary charges by the president, or chief umpire, of the

Across the ring, attendants a svora Dalif of Sleets out to he eyed the animal. He stood meet and calm the bull, then horns of his first enemy, he punishment for the bullfighter immobile by the burladero, manoeuvred it into the corral, returned to fight his second who was afraid to fight.



Its fate is more certain. It was caped and cannot legally be fought again. The animal will destined to die in a

Señor de Paula later retrieved some of his honour. Braving jeers and whistles,

bull, which he dispatched quickly and without ceremony. When a bullfighter fails not be let out to pasture but is to kill the bull, he usually has trouble collecting his fee. He may also be fined or jailed, depending on the recommendation of the president of the fight. The president has

Bush extends favoured trade status for China

despite Peking's continuing "human rights excesses".

Staunchly defending a de-cision that infuriated many congressmen, he said that he had had to weigh "our impulse to lash out in outrage" against nation's long-term interests". He emphasized that he was not condoning last June's

Tiananmen Square massacre or Peking's subsequent conduct; the few steps it had taken towards liberalization were far from adequate". He argued instead that

tacts and keeping open chan-nels of communication were the best ways to help the Chinese reform movement, and that that course had been urged on him by Chinese students and intellectuals via

The decision was not a "reward", he said. "It should send no message other than isolation is bad and economic involvement is good."

More prosaically, Mr Bush pointed out that not renewing China's most favoured nation trading status would cause a dramatic slump in America's \$6 billion (£3.5 billion) exports to China each year, eading to big job losses in the US aircraft, timber, chemical and agricultural industries.

The Chinese people themselves would be hurt. Hong Kong would also be "an innocent victim of our dispute with Beijing (Peking) - 20,000 jobs and \$10 billion could be lost in a colony that is a model of free enterprise spirit".

China exported around \$12 billion of goods to the US last. year, about \$8.5 billion of them via Hong Kong, Loss of most favoured nation status would have meant that the goods attracted tariffs in excess of 50 per cent instead of the present 8.8 per cent avcrage, and experts estimated that Chinese exports could have slumped by up to \$10 billion. US businessmen and Hong Kong government representatives had lobbied the Administration intensely.

On Capitol Hill, however, many congressmen have lost patience with the Administration's conciliatory policy towards Peking and its failure to adopt much tougher reprisals in the wake of Tiananmen Square. They were particularly outraged by the disclosure that Mr Bush had twice Don Quixote trying to fight covertly sent emissaries to the windmills."

amnounced yesterday that he was extending China's preferential trading status ally eased its hardline stance, with the US for one year, and even Mr Bush, a former envoy to Peking who for-mulates his own China policy, has confessed

owndisappointment.

Prior to the President's announcement, which was widely forecast, Mr George Mitchell, the Senate majority leader, had denounced Mr Bush's conciliatory policy towards China as "a failure that is clear and complete", saying that renewal of most favoured nation trading status would "compound that failure".

Democrats and some Republicans pledged they would maintaining commercial con- try to block renewal of China's trading status on Capitol Hill. But even if they are able to muster a simple majority, it is thought unlikely that they could command the twothirds majority that would be necessary to override a presidential veto.

 TOKYO: The Goddess of Democracy, the French-based radio ship which planned to broadcast pro-democracy messages into China, last night abandoned its mission after receiving a hostile reception at almost every turn in Asia (Joe Joseph writes).

The ship, which is still in Taiwan, has been turned away from Hong Kong, made unwelcome in Taiwan, and was told on Wednesday by the Japanese Government that it would not be welcome in Japan if it planned to broadcast in international waters.

The Goddess of Democracy, which had been hoping to beam pro-democracy mes-sages to China in time for the first anniversary on June 4 of the Tiananmen Square massacre, wanted to kit itself out with a radio transmitter in

Faced with such a wall of opposition, the organizers decided to give up. The ship will will fly back to Paris.

M Pascal Duponi, one of the mission's key organizers, said last night: "From Hong Kong, to Taiwan, to Japan they all had the same line, so we dropped the project. We're not such a big organization.

The Goddess of Democracy's fate was sealed after M Dupont telephoned Paris to discuss the catalogue of obstacles with M Christophe Nick, the project's main or-ganizer. "Christophe was will-ing to go on," M Dupont said,

Tide of trouble engulfs Husain

From RICHARD BEESTON IN AMMAN

WERE it not for the Jordanian down on the disturbances, and riot police in their distinctive Major-General Fadel Ali, the dark blue armoured vehicles, the scene at the Daga refugee camp would be familiar to any Palestinian across the Jordan river in the Israeli-occupied

The squalid concrete skyline is dominated by black ment will, however, do little to flags of mourning strapped to ease fears among King Husanything from television aer-ials to overhead cables. Burntout tyres and piles of stones mark the access roads into the 75,000-strong camp, and teenage boys scout the dusty streets for the next sign of What began in Israel on

Sunday as the murder of seven Palestinians by a deranged former Israeli soldier has unleashed a violent backlash which foreign observers and Jordanians admit can only get worse. Throughout Jordan this week tens of thousands of Palestinians, who make up 60 per cent of the population, have marched, clashed with police and destroyed property in an eruption that has left at least three dead and scores more injured.

On Monday nine French tourists and a Jordanian photographer were injured when an armed Palestinian attacked a tourist bus in central Amman. Armed paramilitary police now keep guard outside international hotels after marchers rampaged through the Marriott King Husain has found the Hotel's car park and then way blocked so that, as he attempted to march on the American Embassy before being turned back by the from Britain today, he will

police chief, said that all future demonstrations in the country would have to be approved by the authorities and that or-ganizers would be held responsible for the conduct of participants. His announceain's Western supporters, who see him struggling with chronic economic and political problems.

King Husain is committed

Zarga, the second city. The one political avenue which could bolster the Government would be progress on the settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict, but here too

"There were many strands to this week's disturbances, but the country's very serious economic situation must be put at the top of the list," one diplomat said. Jordan is burdened with a £5 billion foreign debt, widespread unemployment and a state sector which employs about half of the indigent workforce.

to a programme of democratization, but the reforms have led to sweeping gains by the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood, which now controls a third of the seats in Parliament. Islamic zeal, indeed, was a recurring theme of this week's demonstrations. with attacks on breweries, restaurants and banks in



addressing a press conference posal for an independent in Islamabad yesterday after (Kashmir) state, it could have her return from a marathon diplomatic tour seeking supstand on Kashmir. She flatly rejected an independent Kash-mir as a solution to Pakistan's by a Pakistani leader since the

MISS Benazir Bhutto, the region (Reuter reports from Is-Pakistani Prime Minister, lamabad). "If there is a provery dangerous consequences for the sub-continent. It could port for her Government's trigger a Balkanization of the

Graduates clean boss's boots to learn loyalty From JOE JOSEPH IN TOKYO

IMAGINE if a British graduate from a top university had landed a job in a blue-chip British bank - then had to spend the first week polishing the bank's brass nameplate, in Japan, this year's crop of new graduates have just begun their working lives with a bizarre set of induction rituals that, as it happens, might rank as one of the cushier career

Japanese graduates, even from the premier Tokyo University, have been spending part of the past month ing lavatories, polishing their bosses' shoes, running marathons, and doing SAS-style training. Some of these million or so new corporate foot soldiers have had a less strenuous time meditating in temples, all in preparation for jobs sitting behind desks.

Personnel managers seeking to hire young, mostly male graduates, are looking for "blank sheets of paper", and initiation rites are designed to instil discipline, loyalty and camaraderie among colleagues who are likely to remain together for the next 40 years OT 30.

As many new recruits also

drinking together, this period recruits had to run a 12.5-mile is also a time for learning the course to learn the importance important Japanese art of of seeing a task through. working by consensus. Whom you work for - and

the company emblem is there Eleven convenience stores, in your buttonhole for every- trainees stay in the car park one to envy - is generally more important than what you do there. Ask a Westerner what he does for a living and he might answer "public rela-Japanese and he will give you the name of his company.

In Japan's subtly hierarchical society, the name of an employer says more about a man than cash ever can. Just is shown by the willingness of new recruits to stomach the bizarre training sessions, even though a severe labour short- explained age has given prized graduates

• Guarded apology: Emperor their pick of jobs.

Akihito of Japan last night

years has made its new workers begin by cleaning the lavatories. Mr Akira Nishigaki, in Duskin's personnel department, says it helps the newcomers to learn the pleanewcomers the pleanewcomers the pleanewcomers the pleanewcomers the plean

At Ito-Yokado, a supermarket chain that runs Sevenwell after dark practising their bowing and learning the com-pany song "Soaring into the Future" ("Hand in hand, my friends and I soar into the tions" or "architect"; ask a world with great hope ... I-Y Group, tomorrow is dawning, I-Y Group, our pride").

Some managers are willing to join in the fun. At Columbus, a shoe polish company, executives clean the footwear how important it is to bag a of trainees, who then return job with the "right" company the favour. "It is the best way to foster their love for our company and to communicate with each other," a director

Among the unluckier novices, perhaps, were those at Duskin, a big cleaning company which for the past 30 was delivered at a banquet for

visit set light to Japanese flags

Prisoner's life support turned off

Madrid - Doctors yesterday switched off a life-support system attached to Juan Manuel Sevillano, a jailed left-wing guerrilla who is critically

ill after a hunger strike. Sevillano, jailed for 24 years in 1986 for belonging to the Grapo organization, had suffered a heart attack. About 40 other Grapo prisoners are on hunger strike. (Reuter)

Killer jailed

Lisbon - Carlos Barros, aged 25, was jailed for 15 years for murdering Victoria Thomas, a British woman, near Cascais last July. (Reuter)

Army refuge

Dhaka - About 1,500 tribes-people from the Chittagons Hill Tracts took shelter at military barracks after Shanti Bahini guerrillas burned their homes. (Reuter)

Ortega order

Managaa - Señor Daniel Ortega, the former Nicaraguan President, has been given until today to demolish walls around his house which are disrupting traffic. (Reuter)

Drug seizure

Mexico City - Police seized more than a tonne of cocaine and 14 tonne of marijuana after a shoot-out in the town of Agua Prieta, where a tunnel used to smuggle drugs across the US border was discovered. (AP)

Burma coverage Bangkok - Burma's embassy here said foreign journalists would be allowed into the country to cover Sunday's general elections. (AFP)

Le Pen riposte

Paris - M Jean-Marie Le Pen, the right-wing French leader, condemned as scandalous a court's award of one franc (11p) in damages against him for calling the Holocaust "a detail". (AFP)

Turkey denial

Ankara - Mr Ali Bozer, the Turkish Foreign Minister, de-nied that Ankara would sell river water to Israel

uthorities. have to come to terms with the fact that his plight is likely live in company dormitories sure of serving the public. At Mitsubishi Electric, the and fire-bombed police. vowed that it would clamp to worsen before it improves. and spend their evenings dispute with India over the present Kashmir revolt began. California TV station sues for right to screen executions

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A SAN Francisco television station is hoping to bring death into the living room by televising execu-tions. KQED, a non-profit educational station, has sued California's Governor and the state prison authorities to allow it to broadcast the final moments of Death Row

inmates to TV viewers. "There are a lot of things in the world that are not pretty to look at." Mr Michael Schwarz, director of the station's current affairs department and originator of the idea, said. But it is our job as journalists to tell people what is going on There is no more important public policy issue at the in a federal court in San Francisco, mount a full-scale court challenge ings, are televised, and executions, not in competition with commer-

comes in the middle of an election campaign for state Governor in which capital punishment has become a central issue.

Ms Dianne Feinstein, San Francisco's former mayor and a candidate for the Democratic Party nomination, has seen her popularity soar 29 percentage points in the last two months largely because of her outspoken support for the death penalty.

The issue came to the fore in April as California prepared to execute its first convict in 23 years. the murderer Robert Alton Harris. KQED requested and was denied permission to videotape his death for the public's edification. Barely 12 hours before it was due to take moment in this state than the death place, the execution was post-penalty," he said. The lawsuit, filed poned. The station then decided to

to state regulations barring tele-vision coverage, arguing that the ban was unconstitutional.

Californian law requires that certain officials and at least 12 "reputable citizens" be invited to the gas chamber at San Quentin prison to witness any execution. It has also been customary to allow in about 14 journalists. At Califor-nia's last execution in 1967, reporters were allowed to take notes and draw sketches as they witnessed the death of Aaron Mitchell. But they were forbidden to use cameras.

KOED's suit argues that technology has changed and television cameras are more mobile and compact and no longer need special lighting. The station says other aspects of the criminal justice system, including court proceed-

the most important single act, should be treated in the same way. Its cause has won backing both from advocates of capital punishment, who say television coverage will heighten its deterrent effect, and opponents of the death penalty, who expect the public to find

the spectacle repellent. For reasons of propriety rather than law - because a condemned man would seem to have few rights - KQED is asking the court to force the authorities to allow it to film executions only if the prisoner does not object. Its lawyers say it is not known whether Harris would object to having his death beamed

to households across the country. Mr Schwarz vehemently denies any interest in increasing his ratings, making clear that KQED is

cial stations. The channel would hold executions for broadcast until late at night. But he is candid about the possibility of commercial stations exploiting any new right to televise executions to provide sensational coverage for their viewers. "I doubt we would be first on the air with it," he said.

A taste of what could be expected came last year when Ted Bundy, the serial killer, died in Florida's electric chair. Crowds outside cheered as the 2,000-volt shock seared through him and citizens all over the state turned off electric appliances to help the charge. Photographs of his corpse were published in a tabloid magazine.

With 2,300 people already on Death Row in America and some 270 joining it every year, televised executions, if allowed, could be- how the policy is carried out."

come an important element of future programming. A blood-thirsty public is unlikely to find its hopes disappointed. An execution in Florida earlier this month, for example, took three jolts of electricity. The prisoner was pronounced

dead only six minutes after the first shock. The official witnesses said flames and sparks flew from the electrodes on his head and ashes fell on his shoulders. Perhaps the best-known propo-

nent of televising executions is the American television anchorman Sam Donaldson, who opposes capital punishment. "I think it's a good idea that we televise executions because it is a matter of public policy," he said. "That is what we do and people should see ard w

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No market for bartered jam in tomorrow's Comecon

From Roger Boyes IN WARSAW

TRADING in Comecon, the Hungarians used to joke, was like selling a dead dog in return for two dead cats. Now, as East European experts try to reform their economic bloc, it is fast becoming clear that the whole region is like a vast pets' cemetery.

The Soviet Union, strapped for cash and late in payments to Western suppliers, is refusing to accept the lowquality industrial exports of East Europe, and wants to start trading in convertible currencies by next year at the latest. It wants hard cash for its oil, gas and mineral ores, and does not want bartered strawberry jam from Bulgaria.

"That is all very well," says Professor Andrzej Lubbe, the Polish delegate to the Comecon reform commission. "But it was the Soviet Union itself which supplied the designs for this obsolete machinery and which ordered it in the Free Trade Association, or a proposed

turn a second-generation factory that suits only the needs of an ageing Soviet industry into one that produces hightechnology machinery and spare parts for a Western market." Hungary, in particular, structured its engineering industry round Soviet import needs. Now 200,000 Hungarian workers stand to lose their jobs unless Moscow keeps to its Comecon commitments.

The Comecon reform commission, set up in Sofia last December, has met in Warsaw, in Czechoslovakia, and this week in Moscow to work out how to change the statutes of the trading bloc. There are key differences on how to do it.

Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Mongolia want to transform Comecon into a consultative organization and would like to free individual states to join other trading organizations such as the European Community, the European

first place. We have to change the trade structure, but it is not a simple matter to

Danube-Adriatic community. The other East European Comecon states believe the organization should link up with the European Community en bloc.

> The economic union between East and West Germany is accelerating the pace of reform within Comecon. But the main question is whether the organization is reformable at all, or should be discarded. Professor Lubbe says: "Comecon was the hand-maiden of a specific political

> system, and it was the political system and not Comecon itself which determined the scope and form of cooperation. It is an artificial system and very difficult to reform." The main bickering is between the

> Soviet Union and the East Europeans. Moscow claims, rightly, that Comecon trade is unprofitable for the Soviet Union. Apart from a few commodities, all Comecon's prices are set by contract. Prices are determined by taking the average of overall world prices for the preceding five-year period. On the

whole, that has meant cheap oil for Eastern Europe. Payment is made by the transferable rouble, an accounting unit that tries to establish how many Hungarian buses are equivalent to a tonne of Soviet oil. Moscow feels that it is being systematically exploited by its allies, and that if it boosted its energy exports to the West it would soon solve its cash-flow problems. The East Europeans say that

the Soviet Union is only losing out now. Now Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary are moving ahead with market reform. The Soviet Union, despite much talk, is not. It believes it can create free trade relations between the Comecon countries without liberalizing its domestic market. The Poles and Hungarians are sceptical. Certainly the Soviet Union is alone in demanding an almost immediate switch to trading in convertible currencies. The Comecon countries are pursuing their own economic agendas and it would be plainly absurd to impose a new, uniform payment scheme

Four - Poland Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Mongolia - think there should be a graduated shift to business in hard currency (practically speaking, the Deutschmark and dollars) and always on a bilateral basis. Bulgaria wants to keep up its barter trade with Moscow for at

least a few more years. The 1990 trade protocol between Poland and the Soviet Union stipulates that 15 per cent of trade will be paid for in hard currency and that seems to set the pattern for other European Comecon members. Even so, there are constant arguments. The 1990 trade protocol was only signed at the last moment because the two countries could not agree on which consumer goods should be paid for in dollars and which in roubles.

East Germany is naturally quiet in these internal debates, wanting to keep options open for a unified nation and aware that its trade links with Moscow may add to its bargaining power with

on intra-Comecon trade. The Group of Bonn. Its chief contribution to the reform discussion is to encourage the expansion of mixed trading associations between suppliers and customers and thus sidestep the clumsy bureaucracy of Comecon central planning. If this idea catches on it should help the restless Soviet republics toward economic autonomy from Moscow.

Comecon still has its defenders. One of Poland's top economic com-mentators, Mr Jerzy Kleer, says: "There is life after death for Comecon."

No East European country, apart from East Germany, stands a chance of entering the European Community before 2000. The small and technologically hackward countries need to maintain. their present markets - at least until . there is full-blooded European integration. Only together can the East Europeans put real pressure on Moscow to lower the prices of raw materials. Finally, the East Europeans will have to act jointly to adjust to EC standards.

Yeltsin wins more support in fight for Russia power base

iconoclastic former Politburo member, yesterday became one of eight declared candent of the Russian Federation. He is vociferously supported by radical deputies at the federation congress, hundreds of telegrams from all a bevy of bouquet-bearing are local politicians who are step. He has even been a minimum.

The other four candidates are local politicians who are unlikely to attract the step. of success by the soothsayer who reputedly advised the late Leonid Brezhnev.

Of the seven other candidates, Mr Yeltsin's main rivals are likely to be Mr Aleksandr Vlasov, the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, who is a polished bureaucrat of the old school, and Mr Ivan Poloskov, the head of the Communist Party in the southern region of

A candidate who might come to the fore, if neither Mr Vlasov nor Mr Poloskov is seen as a strong enough competitor to Mr Yeltsin, is Mr Yuri Manayenkov, who was recently promoted to the

Test for police

From Anatol Lieven IN TALLINN

THE Estonian government plans to introduce an oath of loyalty for policemen to take effect this summer which could lead to a showdown in the Russian-dominated force.

The new Estonian Interior Minister, Mr Olev Laanjarv, said yesterday that under a new police law currently beparliament, policemen will have to decide "probably in August or September whether to promise to obey the laws of independent Estonia.

Those who are willing to obey our law will continue to serve, those who are not willing cannot remain as policemen", Mr Laanjarv said. He is himself a longserving police official, and Estonians hope that he will be able to influence the police

force to accept change. In Latvia, protests by the police after the parliament's declaration of legal independence blocked the appointment of the new government's choice of Interior Minister. The police insisted successfully on retaining the existing incumbent, Mr Bruno Steinbriks, viewed by most Latvians as a "Moscow lovalist".

A resolution signed by more than 1,000 members of the Riga police force also stated their determination to go on upholding Soviet law. Police participation in anti-independence demonstrations is believed to have been averted only with the help of Mr Steinbriks's authority and after negotiations with both Moscow and the local police.

In Lithuania, many Russian and Polish policemen in the capital, Vilnius, still appear to be taking their orders from Moscow. So far, however, there has been no public test of the police's loyalty.

In the Estonian capital, Tallinn, too, all is evidently not well. Mr Laanjarv said that there have been no instances of disobedience in the 80 per cent Russian force in the city, but soon afterwards admitted that he had had to reprimand some of the police on duty at parliament during the demonstration by mainly Russian opponents of in-dependence on May 15.

Mr Laaniary said some policemen had disregarded orders to protect parliament, and that "ethnic sympathies played a part in this".

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Committee and has specialized in relations between the nationalities. Representatives didates for the post of Presi- of minorities from autonomous regions and republics within the Russian Federation constitute a strong lobby at the congress and might be ex-

pected to support him. port outside their own regions.

Five other candidates, including General Dmitri Volkogonov, whose speech portant industrial enterprises.
balancing hardline socialism These are policies which views on Russian sovereignty earned him the most favourable response of the congress, withdrew from the race after being nominated.

The ballot is expected to be held late today after all the Mr Yeltsin said he thought candidates have been given a Krasnodar, who is regarded as chance to speak and answer a traditional Marxist. Both are questions. Assuming there are him, another 30 per cent were said to be supported by President Gorbachov.

no procedural delays, the result can be expected late in the
day or tomorrow.

committed against, and the
remaining 40 per cent were
undecided. Some of the 40 per day or tomorrow.

President Gorbachov has been carefully watching the congress proceedings from a gallery towards the front of the paign, and by what some hall almost every day since it regard as the slanderous na-On Wednesday he took 40

minutes out of the lunch hour to address all the deputies about the dangers facing the Soviet Union, and to con-demn Mr Yeltsin for being ostensibly anti-socialist and of the Soviet Union.

Yesterday afternoon he chose to watch the nominations being announced, rather that Mr Yeltsin will get 538 than attend the Supreme votes, eight more than he Soviet debate on the Govern-needs to win. ment's economic reform programme, which he had seen

MR BORIS Yeltsin, the secretariat of the party Central introduced in the morning. Mr Gorbachov's regular attendance at the congress and his attack on Mr Yeltsin have been widely interpreted as a sign of his concern that a strong and popular politician could emerge to challenge his

hold on power. Mr Yeltsin has said that if elected he wants to make Russia strong within a strong Soviet Union. He also favours a multi-party parliamentary system and an end to the centre's stranglehold on im-

balancing hardline socialism
with support for Mr Yeltsin's

These are policies which
could, if implemented, drastically reduce Mr Gorbachov's powers as Executive President, to the point where he was little more than an arbiter between the republics.

Before the congress opened, about 30 per cent of deputies were committed to voting for cent have been won over to his side in the past week by the strength of Mr Yeltsin's camture of Mr Gorbachov's attack

on Mr Yeltsin. The vote is likely to be much closer than it might have been 10 days ago.

According to the semi-of ficial news agency Interfax. Mr Yeltsin is tipped to win by fortune-teller from Rostovon-Don, who supposedly advised Brezhnev. She predicts

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Dark prophecy for perestroika

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT Gorbachov apextremist groups and "some pears to believe that "an charismatic personalities". enlightened autocratic leadership" is the only short-term answer to the Soviet Union's problems, according to the annual report of the Londonbased International Institute for Strategic Studies, published yesterday.

However, this had led to a clear inconsistency in his reform programme, it said. "Although he pushes for more democracy and seems willing to compromise on everything except, possibly, the territorial integrity of the USSR, he claims that it is necessary to acquire much more personal power to achieve greater democracy."

The institute said that Mr Gorbachov or a successor might feel it necessary to use the new powers "in a more restrictive and illiberal way than the world hopes". Forces had been unleashed which posed "awesome obstacles to country will look like when, the exercise of idealism". Eth- and if, it finally stabilizes." nic feuds and suspicions were being fed by a number of IISS, Brassey's; £15).

The report concluded: "It looks more and more likely that ... this is more the hour of the clever tactician than of the democrat."

The survey of world events took up the message of last year's report, predicting that Mr Gorbachov had a very limited chance of succeeding in his reforms. "The Soviet Union appears to be sliding towards chaos, and how long, and how much of it, will remain together are very much open questions.

"The frustration and anger of the entire population have grown markedly. This anger is now being directed against the Government, including Gorbachov himself, whose personal popularity and credibility have declined markedly. Events in the USSR have spun so far out of control that there can be no certainty of what the (Strategic Survey 1989-1990.



Thousands accuse Iliescu

From Christopher Walker in Bucharest

ON THE eve of the announcement of Romania's election results, an angry crowd of 10,000 anti-communist demonstrators gathered in the centre of the capital to denounce the victory of Mr Ion Iliescu, the President-elect, as a fraud which they would not

Even as the runaway victor for the presidency was planning his new administration. the barricaded "anti-communist zone" in the heart of the capital was ringing with cries of "Jos Iliescu (Down with Iliescu) and allegations that he and the National Salvation Front cheated in the

Angry Front supporters gathered on the fringes of the demonstration and by early evening there were a number of clashes between them and

the demonstrators. "These people should be shot. They will not accept the result of an election, so they should be dealt with," said a factory worker who opposed the protest. He and other The police also broadcast an

furious that the police and Army had done nothing to break up the demonstration which has blocked the centre of Bucharest since April 22. Yesterday the organizers

printed thousands of leaflets well as the fighters of the calling for a special rally to revolution, there were expecrevolution in which Romania will be run by a provisional government rather than one with the legitimacy of the election behind it.

Far from any post-electoral reconciliation, the mood of the crowd was more bitter than at any time since the barricades were erected. Yesterday these were fortified with large metal structures in anticipation of attempts to remove them after the new Government is sworn in.

the police were planning stronger action against the protesters. Three people distributing leaflets advertising the rally were arrested in anti-communist protests had different parts of the country.

workers around him were appeal on the radio for citizens to report people seen distributing leaflets. The breadth of the anti-

communist opposition facing Mr Iliescu was clear to see in the sticky afternoon heat. As tent mothers fathers w children on their shoulders. high school pupils, intellectuals and office managers. At one stage, an old lady of 75 handed a single carnation to Mr Marion Munteanu, the student leader who has maintained the protest throughout the election campaign. She thanked him and said she

hoped his fight against the communists would go on. Addressing the crowd from move them after the new a stand draped with a banner declaring "The Revolution Continues", speakers from many regional cities, including Sibiu, Constanta and Timisoara, pledged support. Some told how smaller-scale

been broken up by the police

in their home towns.

IN A novel scheme reminis- plans to declare the party and.

communist past.

The group known as "21 December", whose 2,000 members all fought on the barricades, has drawn up an atestat, or certificate, which is (less than a penny). Aimed at at some 3.7 million cardcarrying Communist Party

vouth wing. The group plans to put and sickle stickers. pressure on former leading Communists in the National Salvation Front, which won an overwhelming victory in chase certificates. It has alof the new leadership. Until the, group's offer of the redeeming certificates, the only public gesture open to Romanians who wanted to express their wish to sever all links with the party was to tear up or burn their membership

cards publicly. The Communist Party has never been dissolved formally. After an about-turn by the provisional Government early in January, it remains in legal existence but in practice does not function. Its property and funds have been transferred to other organizations. Rumours persist that the Front used some of the money for its election fund.

The "21 December" group

Forgiveness for sale in Romania

From Christopher Walker in Bucharest

cent of the papal indulgences its youth wing dissolved when once sold in Europe, one of the it has sold enough copies of revolutionary groups which the atestat to cover half the old. helped to overthrow Nicolae membership. Ceausescu's regime has de- "We fought against comvised a method for ordinary munism in University Square -Romanians to purge their in December and we continue

to do so," said Mr Lucian Mihai, one of the group's, leaders, referring to the demonstration which has. blocked the square in the centre of Bucharest since April . now being sold in Bucharest 2. "Therefore we believe that and other Romanian cities for we are morally entitled to 2. "Therefore we believe that , the meagre price of one leu certify the dissolution of the Romanian Communist Party when it happens. "Communist" has become

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members, plus another four one of the main terms of abuse. million Young Communists of the opposition during the before the revolution, the election campaign. Supporters document certifies that the of the victorious Front who purchaser has broken with his dared to speak up against the past and no longer wants to be anti-Communist demonstraa member of the party or its tors found themselves humiliatingly covered in hammer.

At the barricade now, erected across the eight-lane. boulevard where so many students were mown down by this week's election, to pur- Ceausescu's tanks, a "Communist Hall of Shame" has ready set aside 100 for the use been erected. It contains photographs of many former Communist figures, such as Lenin, Stalin and Brezhnev, as well as Ceausescu and Romania's President-elect, Mr Ion-Iliescu.

He has denied the allegations, put about by students and right-wing parties, that he is a closet communist, "Romania's break with communism was the most brusque. and revolutionary in all Eastern Europe," he told. correspondents as the finalvotes were being counted. "There is no way back. To try such a thing would be political" suicide."

in another attempt to breakwith the communist past which still haunts most Romanians, the once hated. police force is being given new. uniforms designed to make its members more acceptable to a. public which still associates, them with the violence and brutality of the Ceausescu era...

Less Soviet-style than in the past, the police uniforms are complete with a peaked white. cap, new badges and a white pistol holder slung much lower on the beit.

"Nobody will say exactly. where the design came from, but we believe they are modelled on the American police uniform," according to a spokesman for the Romanian, Election Bureau. "The idea is to try and change the image of. Romanian policemen.

"What they wear does not really matter to me, it is how, they will behave," said one, sceptical student vesterday. They have got to change. inside their heads, not just on the outside,"

In full cry: Bucharest protesters demanding the resignation of Mr Hiescu yesterday

Gothic heritage in peril as walled churches decay

From Richard Bassett IN SIGISHOARA, TRANSYLVANIA

UP TO 300 medieval Transylvanian walled churches, described by art experts here as a vital part of the European Gothic heritage, face destruction within two years unless funds can be found to preserve them. Dr Matei Lykiardopol, one of Bucharest's leading architects, said that the churches, built between the 12th and 15th centuries by German colonists, would be soon derelict as the Germans who care for them leave Romania in their tens of

thousands. The churches are superb examples of Gothic art, kept in most cases scrupulously tidy by one or two German families who live within the walls around them. They were built to withstand sieges by the

Turks and Tatars, and are outposts

of Christian civilization virtually intact." Dr Lykiardopol explained under the protection of the state. solution to preserving these untouched by modern Romania's turbulent history.

But after the December revolution, German emigration is slowly emptying villages which have now become inhabited by gypsies, with understandably little interest in preserving Gothic monuments. In Sigishoara, one of the most

spectacular of these churches has already had its windows smashed by vandals. Outside its west entrance, rubble from 15th-century sculptures lie scattered between bits of medieval stained glass. An old German inhabitant of the town, who patrols the church with a guard dog, says that he is powerless to stop vandals destroying the building. "Bucharest has no interest and certainly no money to keep these marvellous examples of European architecture the reasons behind the lack of official concern, "In the 1970s Ceausescu dissolved the Restoration Committee, the equivalent of your Royal Fine Arts Commission. These experienced men, who could have worked together to help restore such buildings, are now mostly over 80. There is no middle generation which has any expertise. Above all,

Professor Gheorghe Grigorescu. until his enforced retirement in the 1970s one of the country's leading conservation experts, believes that Romania needs the equivalent of a Venice in Peril Fund to help preserve an important part of Europe's architectural heritage. These are churches which in any

other European country would be

classed as outstanding monuments

there is no money."

Here, I fear, they will be demolished soon," he said.

A younger generation of Romanian architects has attempted to make known to a wider audience the plight of these churches. They are convinced that, as the Germans leave, many of the churches will be destroyed. "Architects from abroad will come and, of course, they will be allowed to build whatever they want," one of the architects in Bucharest said yesterday.

In the opinion of Dr Lykiardopol, "there is a primitive instinct among neople here to want to destroy the old. It is mostly part of the Romanian temperament to want megalomaniac buildings, which replace older structures. This was exploited not only by Ceausescu but also by King Carol before him." One

churches, whose 13th-century frescos have delighted travellers and a select group of scholars for centuries, is to try to persuade the Germans not to leave.

A West German MP was recently in Bucharest and held talks with the Romanian Government to try to find some way of persuading the Germans to remain. One proposal was to give the DM4,000 (£1,400) with which Bonn used to "buy" each German emigrant to the Germans themseives.

However, it is unlikely they will be tempted to stay. It is also unlikely that their new homeland will be prepared to donate millions of pounds needed to restore what, in effect, in a few years' time will be

300 crumbling museums of an older

hang in Malaysia

By ANDREW McEWEN

AN APPEAL by Mrs Thatcher

for clemency on behalf of eight

Hong Kong people who are due to be executed in Malaysia next week has gone unanswered. The British authori-

ties now feel it is inevitable

that the seven men and a woman, all convicted of drug offences, will go to the gallows.

Mr Karpal Singh, a lawyer

for three of them, said yes-

terday that the sentences would be carried out next Wednesday. This will be the

biggest mass hanging in the

Mrs Thatcher wrote to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Malaysian Prime Minister, on May 17

asking for the sentences to be

commuted on humanitarian

grounds. The same approach was tried unsuccessfully be-

fore Derrick Gregory, a

country," he said.

Taxpayers face bill for loans rescue

From Susan Ellicott in Washington

United States Treasury Secretary, has admitted to Congress that the country's taxpayers face a bill of up to \$130 billion (£77 billion) to bail out the savings and loan industry. The Treasury originally put at \$73 billion the cost of covering the debts of "thrifts" (the US equivalent of building societies) which go insolvent before 1992.

The US print media, which for some time has struggled to explain to a largely ignorant public the enormity of the sum involved - which is equivalent to 40 per cent of the defence budget — quickly pounced on Mr Brady's congressional testimony, telling readers that the cost of the rescue operation was equal to that of buying more than 70

Lee calls for TV debate

By Andrew McEWEN

AS MR Lee Kuan Yew, the Prime Minister of Singapore, arrived in Britain yesterday for a six-day visit, the Singa-pore High Commission drew attention to a dispute between him and The Times.

In a press advertisement, it referred to an article by Bernard Levin on April 12, headed "New Martyrs to Lee's Tyranny". It said this was a broad attack on Mr Lee, his leadership, and the Singapore

Mr Lee wrote to Mr Simon Jenkins, Editor of The Times, seeking to rebut Mr Levin's views. He suggested that Mr Levin should interview him on British television under a BBC moderator. Mr Jenkins replied that he would be surprised if the BBC were interested, but would be prepared to discuss a written reply. Mr Lee also wrote to Mr Marmaduke Hussey, Chairman of the BBC, who accepted the suggestion. However, Mr Levin, in a letter to Mr Hussey, rejected it. He said that, as his attack was made in that, as his attack was made in ica for the soaring costs of the Times and was not re-clean-up. He made clear that peated on BBC television, it | Congress would have to anseemed "the height of absurdity" for Mr Lee to seek a large sums to ensure that medium. The advertisement insured by the Government said Mr Lee was disappointed did not lose their money. that Mr Levin had not ac-

cepted the invitation. with Mrs Thatcher at Cherescue but said the issue
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Street on Tuesday. In a speech Private economists have estilast night at a banquet given mated the figure at some by the Lord Mayor of London, \$3,200 per person. The he chided some British firms | mounting costs of the governfor not taking opportunities in the region. "Do not repeat the mistakes of the 1970s and off America's huge federal abandon South-East Asia as so many British firms did then.

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MR NICHOLAS Brady, the billion Big Mac hamburgers at McDonald's.

Mr Brady's latest figure, huge as it is, is nevertheless far from the end of the line, since it excludes the estimated billions of dollars in borrowing costs which could push the final sum during the next 10 years to \$300 billion or, according to some more pessimistic economists, \$500

billion. The White House has admitted that the unforeseen costs of cleaning up the S&Ls as they are popularly known, could force up interest rates and threaten the health of the US economy at a time when some economists are still concerned about the risks of

slipping into recession. We're looking at the great-est scandal made by men in American history, and certainly the greatest lapse of judgement that has occurred in the legislature this century," Mr Jim Leach, a Republican from Iowa, said.

The US public also took a little more interest in the S&L saga after television cameras filmed Mr Neil Bush, President Bush's third son, giving testimony to Congress defend ing his part in the collapse of a large thrift in Denver, Colo-rado. He was director of an association which is now expected to cost taxpayers up to \$1 billion to rescue.

The ultimate cost of the overall industry bail-out is still unclear. President Bush last August signed into law a
Bill authorizing what then
seemed a huge \$50 billion to
close down S&Ls which had
failed before 1989. Until this week, his Administration had been portraying the clean-up as an unwelcome consequence of mistakes made by other

Mr Brady's testimony before Congress on Tuesday, however, highlighted the fact that the Treasury had underestimated the number of S&Ls that would fail while overestimating the country's economic performance. The Bush plan, for example, assumed there would be no inflation during the period of Mr Brady blamed rising

interest rates and weak property markets in parts of Amer-President Bush yesterday

admitted he did not yet know Mr Lee is dining tonight the full cost to taxpayers of the budget deficit.

Mr Alan Greenspan who, as "To divest resources to- chairman of America's central wards Eastern, or even West- bank, the Federal Reserve ern Europe, at the expense of Board, is accustomed to Asia would be a costly mis- choosing his words with extreme care lest he ruffle interher chances, if sometimes late national financial markets, in the day. The 1990s is late enough."

national financial markets, told Congress: "The size of this hole is astronomical."

Might is king of India's roads

From Christopher Thomas in Delhi

body: its roads are among the most dangerous in the world. The only surprising conclusion is that India is not top of the list. Mr K. P. Unikrishnan, Minister for Surface Transport, told Parliament with evident satisfaction that

it came only fourth. road accidents was in Mauritius, with 73 crashes per 1,000 vehicles in a single year. India had a mere 19. He did not reveal who came second and third.

Within India, the big west-ern state of Maharashtra has the worst accident record, followed by Tamil Nadu in the south. Anybody who has ever visited India marvels at the chaotic manner of driving and invariably asks why there are not even more accidents. The explanation is that, despite appearances, there are certain unwritten rules, the overriding one being that

might is right. Cars and scooters automatically give right of way to a bus that swerves deliberately across their path. There is no shouting or gesticulating at the Morris Oxford - chunky, driver, because the size of his solid, underpowered and so vehicle gives him the privilege tall that an average man might of throwing his weight around. feel he could almost stand up.

It is a sort of caste system. Almost everywhere in In-

INDIA has been conducting a the chaos of traffic jams, world survey on road accidents and has made a practice to check behind bediscovery that surprises no- fore swerving out into the "fast" lane.

The responsibility for avoiding a collision lies with the driver behind, who travels given their higher status, and He said the worst record of will change lanes without warning to the accompani-ment of squealing tyres from the smaller vehicle behind.

There is no lane discipline in India. Traffic wanders back and forth as though not sure which side it should be on.

Speed limits, like exhaust emission levels, exist primar-ily for show (*The Times of India* published a splendid photograph yesterday of a police vehicle belching clouds of fumes, making a mockery of a campaign launched by Delhi police against excessive exhaust emissions).

The rule of the road is that you travel as fast as possible, which is usually not fast at all. For those driving an Indian-made Ambassador, speed is impossible. The vehicle is a virtual replica of the 1957

If Hindustani Motors ever put a powerful engine in the dia, car drivers do away with Ambassador, India would their wing mirrors because undoubedly shoot past Mauthey only get smashed off in ritius to claim top prize.

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Residents of Crossroads squatter camp near Cape Town fleeing clouds of tear gas fired by police to break up a protest about council corruption

Congress votes to step up drive for cleaner air

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

The United States has moved some of the toughest environmental measures in the world after an overwhelming vote in the House of Representatives in favour of far-reaching clean-air legislation. The 401-

21 vote on Wednesday night share the common objectives echoed an equally emphatic of ending acid rain, curtailing Senate vote last month, and toxic industrial emissions and a big step closer to adopting paves the way for the first severely restricting pollution breakthrough in attempts to from cars through tough clean up America's skies for at reduction targets, though they least 13 years. The Senate and differ a little on the timetables House Bills, which must now for reaching those targets. be reconciled before going to However, the House Bill goes

the President for approval, significantly further in its electricity or ethanol should

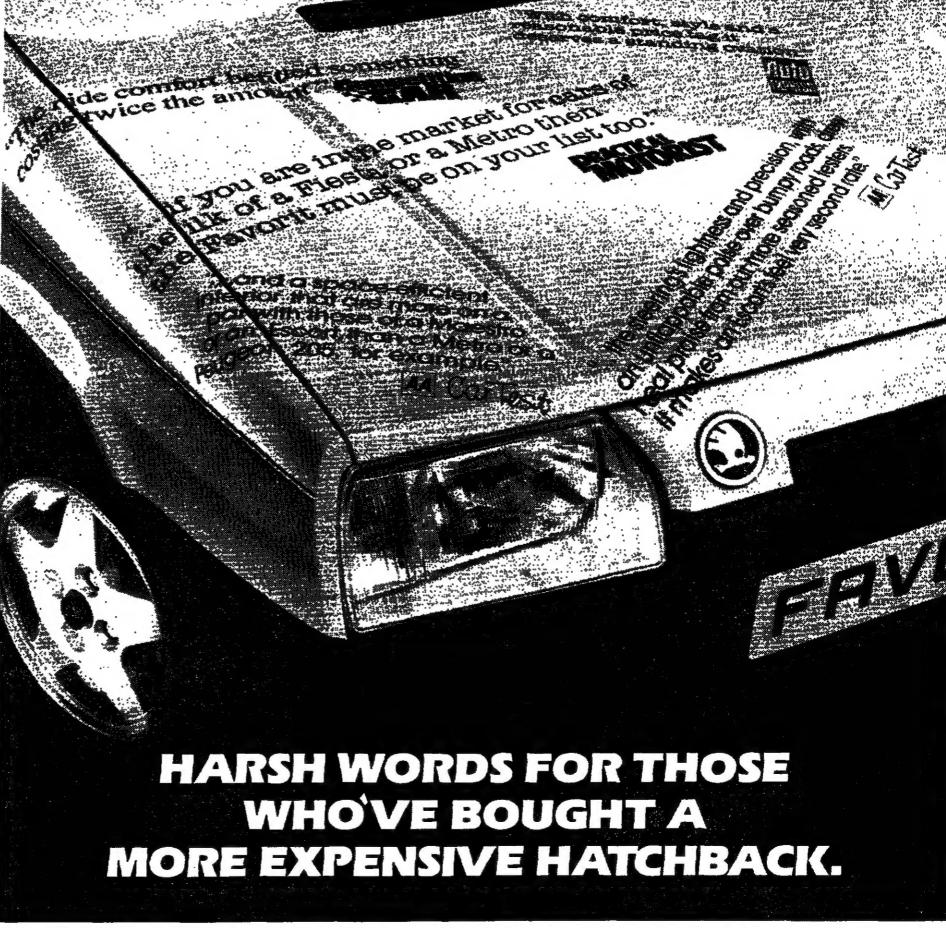
proposals to cut vehicle emissubstantially cleaner "reformulated gasoline" by 1995, and that under a pilot scheme in California sales of cars able to run on alternative fuels like

sions. It says that all new cars House Bill would also accelin the nine smoggiest US cities erate the phasing-out of should be able to run on chlorofluorocarbons and other chemicals contributing to the "greenhouse effect" For the first time, small industrial emitters of ozonedepleting substances would

Briton, was hanged for drug offences last July.

The sources said Britain had now done all it could. There has been no protest against the sentences, but the High Commission has protested over not being informed that they would go

The eight were arrested in 1982 at Penang airport after being found in possession of 28lb of heroin. They were



The motoring experts are writing nice things on the Skoda Favorit. Indeed, The Guild of Motoring Writers were so impressed by this new hatchback that they rated it in their top 10 cars for 1990. But then, it was Bertone of Italy who fashioned the sleek body and

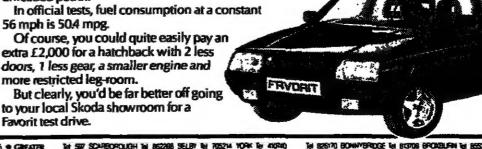
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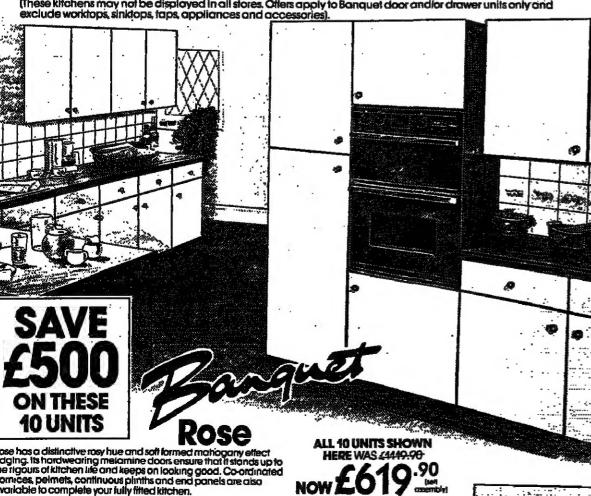
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the day is on, which is driving out older and more appropriate ones. A cinema is said to be on Oxford Street. Patients and hospital staff are on a ward. Soldiers are on guard duty or on fatigues, the implication being, I think, that their names appear on a list. Residents of Hampstead Garden Suburb claim, snootily, to live on the suburb, perhaps to distinguish themselves from lesser suburbanites who merely live in the suburbs. The one thing that you must never say is that you are on is a warship, or ship of any kind. Sailors are terrific pedants for shipshape usage, as befits members of the Senior Service. To say that somebody is probably on Rodney is to add solecism to offensive innuendo, and confirms nautical suspicions that landsmen do not take their mystery

I had a letter from a learned Admiral of the Fleet declaring that the Royal Navy sails in, serves in, lives in a ship (not a boat, for Nelson's sake, unless you mean a submarine). Remember In Which We Serve? "When I joined the Navy, my second lesson was: 'You don't live on a house; you don't live on a ship.' (The first lesson was how to sling a hammock.)"

The argument, like all good trawls for red herrings, was first aired in the correspondence columns of The Times, as long ago as January 1902, A naval officer wrote to the editor asking whether the encroaching new use of on a ship was admissable, and stating that when the offensive landlubber's preposition first made its appearance, it was the rule in some gun-rooms to cob any midshipman who used it. (Corporal punishment is nearly as old a naval tradition as correctitude about prepositions.) The argument raged and thundered like Trafalgar, and the nautical grammar emerged. As a ship is a hollow body, it is quite illogical to speak of a man serving on her. The usage of many centuries declares that, if one belongs to a ship, either as a member of her crew or as a passenger, one is said to be in her. If you pay a short visit to a ship, you are said to be an board her. On board is also used as an opposite to both overboard (absit omen) and ashore. And inboard is the opposite of outboard. In reaching a ship's deck any person, whether belonging to her or not, is, and always has been, said to go on board her. These common nautical prepositions of many centuries are quite clear and simple.

This did not stop the distinguished naval historian, L.G. Carr Laughton, conducting a majestic fishing expedition for the prepositions that go with ships through English literature and history down the ages. His conclusions appeared in The Mariner's Mirror,

have a homunculus on my

right buttock. When I move

one way, he smiles; another,

gay by turns, as he himself put it

when he was a touch more alive

This is a bit bloody peculiar,

you will be saying. You do not know the half of it. Jumping to

the conclusion that I am tat-

tooed will get you nowhere; my

fair flesh is virgin to the buzzing

needle. I have always held the

view that life is complicated

enough as it is without having a

lost lover's embonpoint ineradi-

cably going up and down every time you flex a pectoral. That said, the little fellow in my hip

pocket is very nearly as perma-

nent a fixture: I dare not go far

He arrived yesterday, from Lloyds Bank, wrapped in a letter. We enclose a replacement

cheque card for your use, said the letter, please sign the card

immediately. It was the work of

a moment to do this, and it

another to slip the new card into

my wallet had I not, as I did so.

noticed a fuzzy little face in the

corner of it. Hallo, I said, a

breakthrough. What a good

idea, sticking the cardholder's face on a card, that is one in the

eye for mugger and pickpocket.

And I put my glasses on to

As I turned the tiny hologram,

his expression changed several

times, but it never became

mine. Here we go, I said — as I

have said so often when collid-

ing with a technological glitch —

It was a bloke with a beard.

check the likeness.

would have been the work of

than he is now.

without him.

and he grows glum. Grave and

he dominant preposition of shortly before the Royal Navy was to be engaged in more serious argument. His conclusion, subbed down by a butcher with a cleaver, was that from the introduction of printing until after the middle of the 19th century, there were extremely few instances of on or upon a ship, the instances of in and on board outnumbering them by at least 10,000 to 1. Beginning with Chaucer, "and into ship she went", and working his way through the stirring Armada Papers, "they being ensconced within their ship and very high over us, we in our open pinnaces and far under them", Carr Laughton explained away infrequent ons when he bumped into them. Armada Papers: "The Queen's Majesty would have Pedro de Valdes to be sent safe into England; for that she thinketh very inconvenient to have any such kept upon any English ship." This looked uncomfortably like the consolation which suggests itself is that the writer was no seaman, but William Waad, clerk to the Council." Pepys got it right, even when he was new to the sea: "News brought that the two Dukes are

> guns off' Carr Laughton: "The mere fact that the means of getting on board a ship has always been the entering port should have served to remind men that a ship is hollow. But the modern mind will not have it so. It is common to hear of such-andsuch boilers being on a ship; the same of stokers who are rarely seen on deck; and even of men serving on a submarine, which reduces the whole thing to absurdity." Dickens was sound on his prepositions: "Shipping Oliver Twist off in some small trading

coming onboard. So soon as they

were entered we shot the

This great labour of literary and sea-going research concluded resoundingly that in and on board are the correct prepositions to go with ships, sanctified by usage going back to Alfred the Great and other founding Admirals of the Fleet. Exceptions are on a wreck, because you usually can't get be-low on a wreck. You make sail on a ship because sails are always above deck when made. There is a nice point of punctilio about whether an officer has, or hoists his flag on a ship. On seems logical to me, analogous with making sail. But naval shellbacks insist on hoisting their flags in or on board a ship. *On board* is still naval jargon for being physically present in a ship or shore establishment: "Father on board this evening?" "No, he's gone ashore with the HODs."

The case of in or on with ships is a fascinating example of the continual struggle in English between tradition and analogy. For once, because of the absolute standards of the Navy, tradition Nautical Research, in 1912, far for 15 centuries.

"It is an actor," said the Chief

Inspector, "dressed up."
"All right," I said, because I

am a reasonable man. "I can

accept the how. What about the

why? Why is there a hologram

of William Shakespeare on my

the Chief Inspector. "I suggest

you speak to Jim Parsons. He

handles corporate communications at APACS."

for Payment Clearing Services,"

bit, and popped the question.
"We call it the Bard Card,"

said Jim. "It facilitates recog-

"Only of Shakespeare," I said. "I can see where if Shakespeare fetched up at the

Tesco's till they would be more

than happy to accept his cheque. Mind you, that said, it

does occur to me that he never

signed his name the same way

twice. It is quite possible that if

he put Shagsper, your Chief Inspector would have his glove

on the Bard's collar before he'd

got his trolley half way to the

I was losing Jim. You can

"It is not about identifying

the cardbolder," said Jim, a mite testily, "it is about identi-

fying the card. When the retailer

sees Shakespeare, it triggers the

correct procedures. Remember,

retailers may be foreign or illit-

erate, but they can all be trained

I did not pursue any of the

hares which, at this, had leapt

from cover. I merely said: "All

right, how did you arrive at

Shakespeare?"
"Well," said Jim, "we'd put
Beethoven on our Eurocheque

card, and he went down very

well. For example, he was not in

any way political. So we

thought: who is the domestic

equivalent?"

mean, Jim."

to recognize Shakespeare."

sense things like that.

nition."

"APACS?"
He sighed. "The Association

"Hello, Jim," I said, after a

"Not my department," said

cheque guarantee card?"

...and moreover

ALAN COREN

Rodney Lord finds old interventionist urges trying to escape from Labour's policy review The bulges in Mr Smith's new suit

(with particular emphasis on the British industry, A Labour governmore entrepreneurial devment will stand or fall on the credibility of its economic times this will involve govern-

programme. A shift there has certainly been. The party has abandoned pay policy and price controls, is pledged not to reintroduce foreign exchange controls, and will not reverse the privatization programme of the past nine years, except to a limited degree. But awkward bulges continue to interrupt the smooth contours of the new image of the party: the old interventionism will out.

John Smith, who has done so much to realize the image of responsible statesmanship, says it is a myth that Labour wants to destroy the market, but Labour still believes that markets fail to work properly in many sectors of the economy. The shadow chancellor makes no bones about this: "We want macroeconomic stability and supply-side intervention," he told The Times.

This is particularly clear with the party's industrial strategy. The three priorities are to increase spending on research and dev-

elopment agencies) and improve education and training. Somement money, sometimes "govern-ment leadership". Either way it implies market failure on a substantial scale.

In the capital market, too, there is a case for helping fund managers to see where their best interests lie. Pension funds are to be "encouraged" to invest more of their money locally and regionally. Though the language is much gentler than before, it is bound to raise fears (soothed by Mr Smith) of the kind of directed investment enthusiastically adopted by sections of the party in the past. There are remnants of Labour's obsession with the need for new institutions in the proposal to establish British Technology Enterprise, a government-funded body, to stimulate high-technology research in Scotland, Wales and the North of England.

Nor does a free market in takeovers necessarily produce an optimum ownership structure for

ment would scrutinize takeovers carefully, putting the burden of proof on the acquirer rather than the authornies.

The biggest change is in Labour's attitude to the labour market. The paraphernalia of controls over pay and prices has gone, leaving free collective bargaining in its place. But it will be freedom within limits. A minimum wage is planned, equivalent to half the median male earnings. As Mr Smith acknowledges, this would have a substantial impact in some service sectors, such as fast food

and retailing.

If there has been a "decisive shift in direction" it is more apparent in macroeconomic policy than Labour's supply-side interventionism. It is unlikely that all of Mr Smith's colleagues realize the full implications of Labour's decision to join the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System. James Callaghan refused to join when the mechanism was set up, for the good reason that Labour's policies at that time were

incompatible with membership. The shadow chancellor is prepared to accept a strengthened Department of Trade and Industry with "the enhanced status enjoyed in other countries", presumably

because he knows that, in macroeconomic issues, ERM membership would give the Treasury the whip hand over the DTI and every other department. The only concession Mr Smith is prepared to make is that if inflation were still at something like its present level when Labour won office, the government would have to consider whether to join with a wider permitted band of fluctuation. Once in, "We shall have to accept the obligations of keeping within the band." That means putting up interest rates if necessary to

defend sterling. Given the iron discipline of the Bundesbank, transmitted through the ERM. Mr Smith can afford to sound relatively relaxed about other aspects of macroeconomic policy. He is "very pragmatic" about the level of public spending as a proportion of the economy. But growth in public spending -

for which there is no shortage of plans in Labour's review document - will have to be fitted into overall economic policy.

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Monetary policy is important to Labour, but Mr Smith sees another market failure here and thinks there is a case for direct controls on credit, perhaps of a temporary kind. Though the end of exchange controls makes credit controls difficult, he does not think it makes them impossible.

The rhetoric of Labour's macroeconomic policy is now for the most part onhodox. A Labour government would establish a stable framework rather than relying on short-term demand management, would aim for sustainable growth which does not run risks with inflation, and avoid any 'dash for growth". But the "decisive shift of direction" depends heavily on the commitment to join the ERM. Take that away and the general direction of economic policy could turn out remarkably familiar. The point will not have escaped the Prime Minister and Chancellor as they, too, consider the merits of joining the ERM.

Gorbachov's revolution really does start here

he Soviet Union is inviting its people to vote on whether their cost of living should go up: that is the impression conveyed by many of the reports on the latest move towards economic reform. The Soviet leaders are not, of course, doing anything quite as silly as that. But they are taking a gamble.

The small print of this week's measures is not yet available, but it is clear that the strategy of Mikhail Gorbachov and his allies is no longer simply to reform the Soviet economy: they are seeking to transform it into a mixed economy of the Western type. In other words, their objective is capitalism. That is not how they describe it, but we now have sufficient evidence to make a confession superfluous.

The evidence comes from leg-islation recently passed or in draft. When and if that legislation is in place it will provide the legal framework for a mixed economy, and for converting state enterprises into companies in which individual Soviet citizens, whether or not they work in them, can freely buy and sell shares. Other Soviet companies, banks and other entities could also be shareholders, and so could foreign citizens and foreign firms. These companies would employ people who need not own any shares. So the legislation would re-invent the division between capital and labour that socialists have been trying to deny for more than a century.

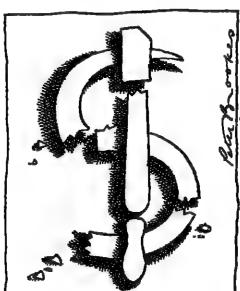
This historic change of course has been managed so stealthily that few Western observers have spotted it. That is not surprising. Most Soviet citizens have not sported it either. Mr Gorbachov tells Soviet audiences that ownership will remain "labour ownership". But then, as the economist Tatyana Koryagina wrote in a Leningrad paper last month, Mr Gorbachov "is a man who does not like the truth . . . who tries to avoid personal responsibility for

Certainly, reading Gorbachov's lips is no way to find out what is going on. The plans for economic liberalization have not been set out as they have been in Poland and Hungary, as part of the programmes of new political parties. Instead, an unelected leader speaks in code about creating a "regulated market", one of his lieutenants (Nikolai Ryzhkov)

any specific measures . . . ?







Philip Hanson on Soviet laws quietly passed over recent months that could form a framework for free enterprise

gets the privilege of announcing price increases, and nobody in authority explains what it is all about. To find out, one has to pay attention to the laws and draft laws of the past few months.

The most important are the framework law on ownership, passed in March, and an unpublished draft law on so-called joint-stock companies". It is on these two texts that the picture given above of future Soviet companies is based. Apparently policy-makers in Moscow have been talking of state ownership being reduced over time to less than two-fifths of industrial assets, But though the Soviet leadership seems, at last, to have decided on truly radical reform, knowing where they want to go is not the same as knowing how to get there,

Installing the legal framework of a mixed, market economy is difficult enough in the Soviet Union, but there must also be changes in institutions: all or nearly all prices have to be decontrolled; anti-monopoly measures implemented; state assets sold (or given away); imports no longer directly controlled; a central bank, separate commercial banks, and a stock exchange set up; a proper tax system; unemployment benefits, and so on. To operate these there have to be new kinds of people, like accountants and tax inspectors.

Nobody can seriously expect all these new arrangements to be operating smoothly within two or three years; nor that the change can be made without a great many people having to switch jobs, with spells of unemployment and reduced incomes. Higher average levels of prosperity should be the end result, but when?

radical approach would be to compress the institutional and policy changes into a year or so, as the Poles are trying to do: remove subsidies, decontrol prices and supplies, impose a monetary squeeze, cut import barriers and start to privatize, all in one go. This would still not deliver the goods immediately; but at any rate

the Gordian knot would be cut. The Soviet strategy is much more cautious. It envisages three main stages. The first would occupy the rest of this year and most of next. It would include stabilizing the consumer market, in part by raising the controlled prices of basic items and curbing wages, cutting the state budget deficit, shifting resources to increase consumer-goods supplies, and starting to sell housing, state bonds and shares to mop up domestic savings. The legislation

required for a mixed economy would be passed, there would be indexation of some incomes, and a system of unemployment benefits. Decontrol of prices and supplies would come next, with changes in

ownership continuing, but (presumably) not going very far before the mid-1990s. The plan envisages "de-statification" of the economy continuing to the period 2000-2005, as public limited companies, family firms, co-operatives, worker-leased enterprises and other varieties of ownership replace the traditional state enterprise in well over half the economy. So the late 1990s would be a third stage, of consolidation.

To anyone who has seen the 1953 French film, The Wages of Fear, the Polish and Soviet strategies recall the alternatives facing the truck-drivers transporting nitro-glycerine along a corrugated road: to avoid blowing themselves up they have to drive at less than 4mph or at more than 40.

The main snag about the 4mph strategy is that the decontrol of prices is supposed to come only when inflationary pressure has been reduced: but a degree of inflationary pressure is built into the old system, and it will be impossible to get away from the traditional supply controls and output targets until prices are decontrolled. The danger therefore

is that decontrol is postponed indefinitely, and all the rest of the transformation with it.

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Admittedly, the Polish strategy is risky, even in Poland. It may not succeed. But if one asks why the Soviet leadership has chosen the slow track, one comes back to the political crux of the Soviet attempt at liberalization. The Soviet leadership has no popular mandate for radical policies, and fears that tough reform measures will create enough unrest to destroy it. This political fear is exacerbated by all the splits that have opened up within the USSR, in particular the secession movements, and because five years of confused economic policies and muffed pseudo-reforms have already reduced living standards.

It looks as though the Soviet leadership's attempt to transform the Soviet economy is severely perhaps critically - weakened by its failure to complete political liberalization. A leadership competitively elected on a programme that included economic transformation would have a better chance. So would a leadership that had cut the conflicts in its agenda by letting the Baltic states go.

A mixture of craftily designed referendums and authoritarian deployment of his presidential powers might yet carry Mr Gorbachov's economic programme through. But a prolongation of the present muddle looks more likely. The author is professor of Soviet economics at Birmingham University.

Armstrong for Eton?

ord Charteris of Amisfield, the immensely popular Pro-vost of Eton since 1978, is to retire next year, after the 550th anniversary celebrations. Generally regarded as a "cool dude" by the boys, whom he often enter-tains, he will be much missed. A successor has not yet been announced, but a recent dinner at the provost's lodge to introduce housemasters to Lord Armstrong of Ilminster might provide a clue. A Fellow of Eton College for a number of years, the former Sir Robert Armstrong, in his role as Cabinet Secretary, flew to Australia in 1987 to appear as the British government's chief witness during the Spycatcher trial. Armstrong's mastery of evading the awkward question, on show there, may not be a good example to set 1,270 adolescent boys. Sir Antony Acland, currently Ambassador to the US, is thought to arouse far more enthusiasm in OE breasts, although there is "nothing in the wind" about his retirement from Washington, according to a Foreign Office spokesman.

Flight of Wimsev

act and fiction become blurred when one is dealing with the Dorothy L. Sayers Society. Detective work has proved to their satisfaction that the crime-writer's fictional hero, Lord Peter Wimsey, was born 100 years ago - on 24 November 1890 - a fact mentioned in none of the novels. And the society, which fields nearly 500 members and has

as its patron the Archbishop of Canterbury, is celebrating the Wimsey "centenary" with gusto this year. This Sunday it holds a lunch at an Oxford hotel, "55 years to the day" after Lord Peter became engaged in the Oxford novel Gaudy Night. Wimsey's Oxford career will also be remem-bered, with the Dean of Balliol, Dr John Jones, conniving in the deception with a talk on "The Balliol of Lord Peter Wimsey

The debonair fictional hero charmed not only the society -Christopher Dean, its secretary, remarks, "Everyone says with a smile that Lord Peter is real" but also the authoress herself, who seemed to fall in love with him as the novels developed. After five years of marriage, she even in-troduced an alter ego, Harriet Vane, who, after much playing hard to get, marries Wimsey. But Sayers's life too had a central mystery: she never revealed who was the father of her illegitimate son, Anthony.

Bit of a devil

The veteran entertainer Michael Bentine has shed new, and more lurid light on the life of Stephen Ward, one of the key figures in the Profumo scandal. In Open Your Mind, a book celebrating the ex-Goon's half-century in showbusiness, Bentine reveals Ward's dabblines in the occult. Ward, he says, invited him to join a "paranormal circle", modelled on the 18thcentury Hell Fire Club. The circle met at Ward's rented cottage on the Astor estate at Cliveden, but Bentine made his excuses and stayed away. Bentine met Ward in critics were blamed anyway.

which so disgusted Lord Denning

• The notorious show-closing power of Frank Rich, the New York Times theatre critic who reserves special venom for British musicals, may be on the wane. New York's faith in British musicals seems to be stronger than ever, with \$8.5 million being taken on the first day of bookings for Miss Saigon, even though the show is not due to open until next April. What is more, Andrew Lloyd Webber's Aspects of Love, which was derided by Rich, has six Tony best musical. The ill-fated musical producer Peter Wilson, "British when the show sank in Britain, the

Owen's odds mid speculation about Dr

David Owen's future after A David Owen's Intuit his revelation to The Times that he has not ruled out rejoining the Labour Party, Ladbroke has rushed out odds on his prospects of surviving the next general election. Owen is deemed to have only an even chance of holding his seat for the SDP, but Ladbroke's director, Ron Pollard, says: "He is odds on to win as a Labour candidate." The betting group is, however, coy about the prospects of Neil Kinnock extending an olive branch to his old enemy. And Owen's belief that the SDP



will survive the election with or without him is not borne out by odds of only 50:1 on its survival as a party, with the odds also against Rosie Barnes and John Cartwright holding their seats. The SDP has as revealed here - cancelled its 1993 party conference, but it will hold one at Scarborough in 1992, according to the National Secretary Tim Rycroft. Its political opponents predict, however, that this will be the occasion when

members will officially vote to wind up the party, if it is annihilated at the general election, as they and the bookies expect.

Comic cuts

n amusing little programme A called Leslie Live has brought corporate dismay to the 1,500 staff of Central Television. Beamed into the company's three main studios in . Birmingham, London and Nottingham, with the staff comprising an unusually attentive audience, the programme was the vehicle used by Leslie Hill, the managing director, to announce an economy drive of swingeing ferocity. Foreign travel unless in the most exceptional circumstances, firstclass air fares, entertaining and recruitment have been banned for staff at all levels, with the threat that programme making will be jeopardized if the economies are not followed to the letter. The difficulties of the company, one of ITV's big five and the producer of Spitting Image, Inspector Morse and The Cook Report among other programmes, have been caused by a 7 per cent fall in advertising revenue in the first three months of the year and an estimated 100 per cent increase in its annual levy to the government. A leaked memorandum from Hill reveals that the cutbacks will leave no entertainment allowance untouched in the search for savings. The memo says succinctly: No hospitality cupboards (including all directors). Disgruntled employees, who have been urged to come up with their own ideas for further savings, have put forward one immediate suggestion: axeing Les-lie Live from the schedules.

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letter. If the card is lost, it said, please inform the Chief Inspector, Lloyds Bank plc, 071-"You have got the name right," I informed Casholod,

"but the picture is not of me." "It is not supposed to be of you. It is William Shakespeare." I looked again. It was a photograph.

"How did you get a photo-graph of Shakespeare?" I inquired.

"To what base uses we may return, Horatio!" I said. "I But I rang off cordially. After all, when you get right down to it, if imperious Caesar, dead and turn'd to clay, might stop a hole to keep the wind away, so Provided it triggers the cor-rect procedures in Tesco's.

1947 while he was appearing at the London Palladium, and in the book makes another strange allegation: he claims that the photographs of Ward's orgies, that he recommended they be destroyed, ended up in the Labour Party's filing cabinets.

nominations, including one for King, it is said, was premièred in London rather than on Broadway to avoid the attentions of Rich and because, according to the executive critics don't close shows." But

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LABOUR'S SALES PITCH

One individual stalks the pages of the Labour Party's policy document published yesterday, Mrs Margaret Thatcher. In the last 11 years, her Government has changed the language and outlook of friend and foe alike, and not least of Mr Neil Kinnock. In the seven years of his leadership, he has been forced by Mrs Thatcher's electoral impact to turn Labour the inflation, and arough the inflation, and arough their of defection department of the take that away and arough their of defection department of their or defection of acoustic control from an unelectable, largely urban rump, slithering into oblivion and doomed to replacement by fly-by-night centre coalitions, back into an alternative government. The Shadow Cabinet is now clearly acceptable to a erol Constitution of comme could be out out comme could be out out out of the could will not be the country out out of majority of the electorate. Mr Kinnock's achievement ranks high in the story of Britain's post-war politics. He has grasped the mantle of post-Thatcherism and is tugging it over his head.

The policy review, with the banal title of Looking to the Future, presents a party jettisoning its past commitment to renationalization, to government controls over the economy and industry, to taxes to enforce the repatriation of overseas capital and to the repeal of all Conservative trade union reforms, Mr Kinnock has reduced to near-invisibility the unilateral nuclear disarmament which made absurd Britain's participation in Nato and was one of Labour's biggest electoral

This is a retreat not just from some naive "socialism", it is an acceptance that the planning enthusiasm which offered intellectual succour to Labour politicians and trade unionists in the 1960s and 1970s is dead. The experience of 1979 wounded it fatally. East Europe in 1989 supplied the coup de grâce. Whatever flapping may take place on the left of the party, socialism is now dust on the shelf of history, as Labour joins the "social democracy" dance across Europe.

The review shares with most manifestos a conviction that British politics is primarily about economic dynamism. Shorn of socialist certainties, it is curiously lacking in ideological substance. Labour's belief in the market is proclaimed alongside a "partnership between the private and the public interest". The nation is assured that under Labour there would be "no irresponsible dash for growth". There would be a monetary framework providing long-term exchange and interest rate stability. Labour would "not spend ... more than Britain can afford". It would borrow for investment, "as any sensible business does" -Thatcherism's thumbprint is everywhere — but current spending must be paid from current revenue, boosted by a buoyant economy (yes, that old one). As a result, total taxation would not need to rise, though it would be more related to ability to pay.

Small wonder all this has left the old Social Democrat divorcees gasping. Labour has performed the oldest trick in the book of Britain's bipolar politics, and stolen the centre's clothes. Nowhere is the theft more patent than in industrial relations. Almost all the Conservative reforms are now accepted as part of the trade union landscape, including the end of the closed shop, ballots on strikes and union elections. Moreover, though Labour will restore the right to take "sympathy action" and use secondary picketing where there is a "direct interest", ballots would apply and picketing would be subject to a code. This is a real shift towards individual rights in industrial relations and away from traditional collectivism.

The preoccupation with the environment and "rights" is more predictable. So too is the flurry of buzzwords and quangos that tend to emerge from Oppositions long out of power: "green taxes", an Environment Protection Executive, a Food Standards Agency, a Regional Development Agency, a National Investment Bank, a Ministry of Women, a Freedom of Information Act.

Yet even in domestic policy, there are signs of the shrewd salesmanship of Mr John Smith's "Treasury in waiting". On education, the last document spoke of abolishing the last remaining non-comprehensive schools. This one simply talks of the commitment to comprehensive education and lays a stress on raising education standards (with a national curriculum). This is now common ground, though the old Adam of Labour ideology survives in the intention to abolish the assisted places schemes at independent schools.

Labour's ambition for the health service will appeal to many. Even the rumoured skirm-ishes between Mr Smith and his "spending department" colleagues have played into Mr Kinnock's hand. The public may believe Labour would spend more than the Conservatives on health, housing and the social services, and yet be reassured by soothing noises on taxation and public expenditure.

On constitutional reform, Labour is more at sea. Commitments to reform the House of Lords tend to disappear into the mist soon after election. The proposal for regional government in Scotland makes sense, but in the rest of the regions less so. Nor has Labour yet grasped the chance, given it by Mrs Thatcher's reckless flirtation with local government, of a new system of local taxation. Local government is Labour's Achilles' heel.

This is in part why the task of matching promise to potential is so hard. What cursed the last Labour government was not socialism, nor even some naive pursuit of social justice. The curse was incompetence, bred of an intellectual suspicion of free markets and a conviction that, if socialism offered no guide to economic prosperity, bureaucracy was the next best thing. Would Mr Kinnock really permit markets to operate? Would he really withdraw government intervention from the Ravenscraigs and the Rover cars? Would be really tell Manchester council to subcontract its municipal services rather than give it a higher central

The review declares that markets can be "good servants but bad masters". A partnership is required in which the government must intervene "where necessary". Hence Labour proposes to take a 51 per cent stake in British Telecom. Last year, its industry spokesman, Mr Bryan Gould, said that, after provision for investment, privatized utilities returned to public ownership might have nothing left for dividends. Labour proposes to take water back into public control. And where is the free market in the promise to "secure the future of the coal industry" and reverse the growth in coal imports?

Mr Kinnock has sought, in his constitutional reforms to the Labour Party, to ensure that some of the old lobbies and pressure groups would have less leverage over a future Labour Cahinet than in the past. He would like a party based on the democratic principle of one vote to each party member, in place of the union and constituency cliques. But he has not achieved this. He may have disposed of much outdated ideological nonsense, but not yet disposed of the structural shortcomings that made past Labour governments so bad.

Labour remains in power in almost all the towns and cities of Britain. There can be seen the proof of Mr Kinnock's policy pudding: high taxes, huge public sector payrolls, fierce union pressure against privatization, dirty streets and poor services and local parties still rooted in the 1960s. It is barely credible that a future Labour government would be able emotionally or constitutionally, to resist the blandishments of Nalgo, Nupe and the General and Municipal Workers, Thatcherism has yielded huge increases in public spending, notably in health, social security and local government. Yet Labour ceaselessly promises to "spend more".

Labour is still not a mass party, as the Conservatives in their prime have been. It is the party of sectional, albeit substantial, interests: the trade unions. The unions pay for Labour. They do so in the expectation of return, a return that will protect their status and their privileges. Like Mr Gorbachov, Mr Kinnock may well struggle to change all this. Like Mr Gorbachov, he has not yet succeeded.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Romanian elections reflected in a different light

From Mrs Jessica Douglas-Home Sir, Mrs Currie's naive enthu-siasm (May 24) for the Romanian elections suggests that during her brief visit she did not gain a clear understanding of the complexity of what has been happening in Romania recently. She claims her views were shared by other British and international observers.

As one of those observers I should like to register a strong protest against her frivolous and impressionistic resumt of the events. It may be that in Bucharest and Timiscara, into which Mis Currie ventured, the election maintained an appearance of fair-ness. However, our 60-strong delegation (organised from Wash-ington), which was deployed in 11 areas throughout the country, formed a rather different im-

Our group had people present who had also been in Romania during the campaign, and not only two days before the election.

Our report has stated that "the process was flawed" and that "the opposition views were effectively prevented in all regions of the country". We were certainly not "thrilled", as Mrs Currie suggests, by what we saw.

Mrs Currie does, it seems, have a few reservations. "A more vigorous press and media on western lines", she writes, "is also essential". The problem, however, is not one of vigour, but one of independence. The press and mo-dia were controlled throughout the campaign by the ruling National Salvation Front, which was able to present itself as the only plausible candidate for power, while spreading disinformation about the

opposing parties.

There is no evidence in Mrs Corrie's letter that the has the first understanding of the social struc-ture of the towns and villages. Almost all of the mayors were appointed by Ceausescu's of-ficials, one of whom (the party official in charge of ideology) was Riescu himself. These mayors fear nothing so much as genuine loss of power by the people who ap-pointed them. And it is they who effectively administered the polling booths, providing friendly "advice" to the bewildered voters who were entering them for the Yours faithfully

JESSICA DOUGLAS-HOME, 63 Hillgate Place, W8.

Chernobyl appeal

From the Ambassador of the

Sir. I would like to convey through

your newspaper our sincere grati-tude to all British people who

rendered their practical and moral

support to the Chernobyl "tele-

thon" appeal last month (report

The telethon organizing committee has asked me to emphasize

that the British contribution to the

appeal efforts is highly appreciated

indeed. The actual amount of

donations and other help world

wide is being worked out at the

moment. As soon as it is finished

the organizing committee will inform about the concrete way the

raised money is to be spent to assist those in the effected areas.

Canterbury succession

From the Reverend David J. Ellis-

Sir, The Reverend P. E. Ursell

(May 18) is right at least to bring

us back to the New Testament in

the matter of selecting a new

archbishop. He has, however,

ington Palace Gardens, W8.

Yours faithfully,

L. ZAMYATIN Embassy of the USSR, 13 Kensington Palace G

May 21.

From Mr Sandy Pobereznic Sir, Returning from a five-day trip to Romania, Mrs Edwine Currie, MP, writes - with all her usual self-confidence - of having been "present at the birth of a new democracy". Does she have the faintest idea about what the National Salvation Front, having

already rigged the elections, are now doing? No sooner had Mrs Currie said. how thrilled she was by the electoral process than:

1. The World Union of Free Romanians was told by the National Salvation Front to vacate its

2. The National Peasant Party and the Liberal Party and the other opposition parties were ordered by the Front to vacate their party headquarters.

3. The Front told several independent newspapers - the Baricada, the Express, Romania Libera and Zig Zag — that if they did not support the Front they would no longer receive supplies of newsprint or any time on the State printing press. And this has been confirmed by the minister in the National Salvation Front Government, Ladislau Hagedus.

Is this Mrs Currie's idea of a free opposition, a free press and free

After her five days in Romania Mrs Currie is now safely back in England. To the Romanians who are going to have to endure life under the National Salvation Front her naive remarks will be very hard to stomach.

Yours sincerely S. POBEREZNIC (President). World Union of Free Romanians (UK Branch). 54-62 Regent Street, W1.

From Baroness Cox and Miss Rachel Tingle Sir, Like Edwina Currie, we have just returned from Romania, where we were official observers of the elections on behalf of the European Democrat Union. But unlike her, we would by no means accept that they were "as free and fair ... as could be achieved by

people for whom this was all completely new". We visited polling stations in Oradea, Arad and various villages. We concur that, from what we saw, the polling itself was conducted properly. But this is not conclusive proof of a proper election. For an election to be free and fair demands that there be no pre-election intimidation and that all parties are able to disseminate information freely. Our conversa-tions with people in those towns led us to believe this was not the

In the county of Bihor, villagers received visits by men (who they thought were probably Securitate), who said that if either Mr Ion Ratiu or Mr Radu Campeanu were elected president their land would be sold to westerners, leaving them homeless and job-less. They also said that a number of rural polling stations were manued only by members of the National Salvation Front because the opposition parties had been so intimidated that they had not taken up their places on the

electoral committees. Moreover, the opposition par-ties were systematically denied the right to disseminate information freely. We do not consider that a regime which resorts to such tactics has conducted its elections properly.

Yours etc. CAROLINE COX RACHEL TINGLE 3 Arnellan House, Slough Lane, NW9. May 24.

Habsburg monarchy From Mr Michael McGarvie

Sir, With reference to the proposed Habsburg restoration (leading article, May 11; letters, May 22), the Emperor Franz Joseph himself summed up succinctly, but with insight and prophecy, the cardinal purpose of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. It was, he told his Minister President, Ernst von Koerber.

an absolute necessity for the present existence and for the funire of her people. It is a refuge for all those fragmentary nations of Central Europe which, without a common home, would have a deplorable existence and he tossed about he all existence and be tossed about by all their powerful neighbours

- a judgment as valid today as when uttered in 1904. Yours truly, MICHAEL McGARVIE, 19 Styles Hill, Frome, Sountreet May 22.

Poll tax alternatives From Mr R. C. Clarke

Sir, Any new local taxation system should seek to give higher signifi-cance to local accountability which the poli tax singularly fails to do. How can this be done? First, central and local govern-

ment must listen to one another distinction between the two func-tions of local authorities — as an agent for central government in providing what are perceived as national services and in its own right as a local authority. Government should bear the cost of agency services; local electors those determined locally. Subject to this, a greater rather than a lesser part of local expenditure should be borne by local tax DEVOS

local revenue is to be raised should be clearly demarcated. The alternatives are property or people — some form of rates or some form of community charge. The arguments for the latter, particularly in respect of accountability, are being seen to be less and less valid and the practical difficulties of collec-

Secondly, the base from which tion become daily more evident.

The time has come to re-examina A front runner must be site

value rating — a tax on un-improved land values. Land is a natural resource not made by man; site value arises as the result of location in an area of economic activity, not what is done on the site itself, a tax on bare land values encourages enterprise; it is simple to assess and cheap to collect; it cannot be evaded or passed on to others. These are significant merits to which can be added fairness and accountability since the payment to public services will be directly related to the site value

created by public activities.
Under the old system improve-ments attracted higher rates and profits from speculating in land became so great as to undermine the work ethic, A tax on land values excluding all buildings and other improvements would help to redress this and re-establish the primacy of productive enterprise. Yours faithfully, RICHARD CLARKE,

Sunflower Cottage, Little London, Lechlade.

House of Lords role From Mr Charles P. Reed

Sir, Professor Zellick (May 21) should not make a constitutional crisis out of a political drama. The House of Lords would be acting within its powers if it threw out the war crimes Bill; the Parliament Acts 1911 and 1949 provide the necessary mechanism for dealing with such a situation. It may well be that this procedure has not been used in the last 41 years, but that is because it is a mechanism of last resort which the second chamber would not wish to invoke save in the most exceptional circumstances.

It can be argued that the contents of the Bill and its method of passage through the Commons constitute such exceptional circ-umstances. The Bill seeks to make radical changes to the criminal justice system and the traditional concepts upon which it is based.

There will, I am sure, be several contributions from the judges, both serving and retired, who sit in the Lords; it is likely that some of these contributions will contain strong advice against the enact-

ment of this measure.

The House of Lords must not be terred from exercising its power if convinced by such arguments. It is not a mere talking shop or advisory body; it is part of the legislature with a well-established function of acting as a check on the first chamber. To suggest that the House should not do so for fear of provoking a constitutional conflict makes nonsense of the philosophy upon which the Parliament Acts are based. Yours faithfully,

CHARLES P. REED (Dean, School of Law), Lansdowne Independent University College, 3/5 Palace Gate, W8. May 21.

Museum cuts From the Keeper of Entomology at

the Natural History Museum and

Sir, Professor Donovan (May 14), like several other critics of the Natural History Museum's corporate plan, is mistaken to think that our policy of focusing re-search into particular topical areas involves abandoning taxonomy and collection-based science. In the Department of Entomol-

ogy, for example, the museum's human-health programme in-volves identification of biting flies that transmit tropical diseases; in the hiodiversity programme we are collaborating in the preparation of identification guides to insects in Central America, including training for Costa Ricans who will undertake an inventory of their national parks; and our contribution to the livingresources programme currently involves producing basic taxo-nomic information on crop pests and for biological control work.

Half of our staff are employed in the collection and information programme - newly created specifically to preserve the nat-ional collection of 25 million insect specimens, and to make this treasurehouse of information available to everyone.

It is true that taxonomy underpins all of biology. Yet when public interest in environmental sues has never been greater, science funding for taxonomy has never been lower. One truly wonders what future generations will think of science policy in Britain when so many of our resources are devoted to studying things which will endure far longer than mankind, yet so little is devoted to investigating our planet's fast disappearing living spe-

Yours etc. LAURENCE MOUND, Keeper of Entomology, IAN GAULD, R. L VANE-WRIGHT. The Natural History Museum Cromwell Road, SW7.

Pension cost in new perspective

From Mr I. J. Ferguson Sir, You report (May 18) that the "landmark ruling" by the European Court of Justice on equal treatment for men and women under occupational pension schemes "could cost British pension funds up to £2 billion a year unless they raise the retirement

age of women employees".
This £2 billion a year, or the cost of any other improvements to occupational pension schemes de-manded by legislation, would bear directly on UK industry which finances the benefits under these

To some extent, the British Government can plead a lack of control over developments in EC case law, but these developments have been evident for some years now. The same cannot be said for its recent amendments to the 1990 Social Security Bill, awarding full statutory inflation protection to pensioners of up to 5 per cent a year and giving them a prior charge on pension scheme sur-pluses. However well intentioned and superficially altruistic these may be, they present yet another enormous burden for British industry. I have seen the cost unofficially estimated at £20 bil-

There are many who believe that the major interference in employer action which the Social Security Bill amendments repre-sent will, at long last, precipitate a significant retrenchment in employers' attitudes to final salary pension schemes. This will certainly not benefit pensioners and will almost certainly impose an extra burden on the social security system. Is this what the Government wants?

Yours faithfully, IAN J. FERGUSON (Director), Reeves Brown Associates Ltd. Howard House, 10 Albert Embankment, SE1.

From Mrs Judith Denning

Sir, The recent ruling in favour of Barber against Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance (European Law Report, May 18) means that company occupational schemes will now have to bring the pension ages of men and women into line.

It is ironic that this Government, which pontificates on such supposedly held ideals of fairness, equality and democracy, has to be shown what justice is by a European court. The Government still has to make a statement on whether it will bring its own pension scheme into line with what is now the legal situation for companies' pension schemes. We hope that it will not take as long as the Barber case.

Yours faithfully, JUDITH DENNING (memb Campaign for Equal State Pension 261 Amersham Road,

Haziemere, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. May 22.

Newspaper sales From the Editor of the Irish Independent

Sir, May I direct a mild double tut towards your columnist Charles wintour and his analysis ("The Press", May 16) of the current newspaper "battle" in Dublin? Even a nodding acquist tance with the end of user Audit Tance with the end-of-year Audit Bureau of Circulation figures would show the Irish Independent circulation at 154,000 and not "about 120,000" as attributed to us by Mr Wintour. In fact, our paper out-sells the other two combined.

I have been preaching for years that this is the most competitive city in Europe for the newspaper industry. It was delightful to have my views confirmed by such an eminent practitioner.

Yours sincerely, VINCENT DOYLE, Editor, Irish Independent, 90 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin 1, Irish Republic. May 20.

German by numbers From Mr I. R. Murray

Sir, Accompanying the tape for a German oral examination (one of four tests for the GCSE) telling me how to send it back, are four forms, three in triplicate, plus a two-page memo referring me to two booklets with which I am expected to be familiar: one of 16 pages and one, for course work, which does not relate to this subject. In addition, on my shelf are two "guides to this part of the test", one of 44 pages, one of five, a six-page guide to the writing component and a five-page guide to grading procedures.

The matter of the questions in the examination on the other hand is nothing like as weighty. A sample from the listening test: could the candidate tell from the question of a supermarket assistant how the customer would like his 100 grammes of salami; name two things you could do in a Munster pub apart from drinking; tick four flavours of ice-cream available in a Konditorei; and finally, and most puzzling of all, why a penfriend's older brother and his friend visited the

Reeperbahn in Hamburg.
Could you please tell me what the purpose is of education in German, and how a teacher of German should spend his time. Yours faithfully,

L.R. MURRAY, 25 Downing Drive, Greenford, Middlesex May 18.

THE AMERICAN NIGHTMARE

Racial violence has flared again in New York. Journalists wear bullet-proof waistcoats and go about with bodyguards, after claims by Mayor David Dinkins that the press is mischievously blowing on the embers of racial hatred. Ever since the murder last August of a black youth by a white lynch mob in Brooklyn prompted a series of racially-motivated incidents and sensational trials, conversation in Manhattan salons has revolved around the phenomenon of the urban "underclass".

This jargon-word is less loaded than Marx's Lumpenproletariat, and a little more specific than the 1960s notion of "alienation". It denotes a largely illiterate and fatherless stratum of urban society, heavily dependent on welfare payments and caught up in drugrelated crime, within which individuals have little prospect of breaking a vicious circle of anti-social action and punitive reaction. This self-destructive conduct reproduces itself from one generation to the next. Above all - and here the analysis ceases to be academic and becomes highly sensitive - the underclass in America is predominantly black.

Some are sceptical of this talk of an underclass and seek a revival of the "Great Society" that inspired the liberalism of 30 years ago. They blame conservative administrations for the soaring crime statistics, for the drug pandemic, for the refusal of the poor to pick up their beds and walk. They seek more money for welfare, more positive discrimination for blacks - in short, more determined intervention by government. Yet America's cities have experienced at least a quarter century of just such intervention, most of it unsuccessful

The liberal response is to claim that racism must have been "institutionalized" in a society which, after all, abolished slavery a mere 117 years ago. This argument ignores the fact that, while it is only a generation since blacks gained full civil rights in parts of the South, that is not where racial tensions are now most severe. Many blacks prefer the informally segregated South to the urban quagmires of the North,

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Others - libertarians of left and right - are increasingly advising the decriminalization of the underclass's principal economic activity, drug trafficking, albeit as a counsel of despair Breaking the link between drugs and crime would tip the economic scales in favour of legal, or at least less suicidal, livelihoods. Though many of those who work in the black ghettos remain doubtful, this argument is gaining ground. Where custom and practice within a community are far adrift of the law. consent for law decays and anarchy prevails.

However, even the most ardent advocates of narcotic decriminalization could not argue that such laws would abolish the underclass, still less stem the apparent growth in racism. Less spectacular ideas have also been mooted. Gun law reform is an obvious desideratum, but is unlikely to make headway. America's public city schools have a lamentable record. The federal authorities have precious little influence on education, but recent moves in some states to give individual schools greater autonomy may restore the traditional escane route for poor minorities.

Even more fundamental is the breakdown of the traditional family, without which the moral bedrock of society speedily turns to lava. Here government is helpless change must come from within the underclass itself. To preach self-help from the heights of Harvard or from Capitol Hill is easy. To do so from the depths of the urban black quarters will need courage and encouragement.

The responsibility of the press to forbear from inflaming outbreaks of mutual recrimination between America's ethnic communities is considerable. Unless New York's popular papers resolve to provide more objective court reporting, they risk incurring attempts by black politicians to muzzle them. Self-restraint is not necessarily self-censorship. The plight of the underclass is sufficiently baffling without incendiary public squabbles between the political and journalistic representatives of the world's most fascinating city.

missed a vital element in the choosing of Marthias to fill the vacancy left by the suicide of Judas Iscariot. The remaining 11 anosties, so we are told, prayed carefully and explicitly over the task before them . How much of this, I wonder, goes into the present selection process As to the desirability of casting

lots, I share your correspondent's conviction. Indeed, I believe that many other church appointments might be served very suitably by this method. Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. ELLIS, International Community Church. Vine House, 41 Portsmouth Road, Cobham, Surrey. May 18.

North and south From Professor Emeritus R. Manseil Prothero

Sir, Your feature on world population (Science and Technology, May 17) has not distinguished between the division of the world into North (developed) and South (less-developed), as in the Brandt report, and the northern and southern hemispheres divided by the equator. It uses the latter in place of the former.

The majority of population of the less-developed parts of the world are in countries located in the northern hemisphere. The most populous countries in Africa and in Asia (with exception of Indonesia) are to the north of the equator.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone manber. They may be sent to a fax number ~

(971) 782 5046.

Yours faithfully R. MANSELL PROTHERO, Vine House, Parignate Road Neston, South Wirtal. May 18.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 24: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Glasgow Airport this morning and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mrs Helen Baird, the Right Hon Lord Provost).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to Yarrow Shipbuilders. Scotstoun and were received by Sir Robert Easton (Chairman and Managing Di-

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, subsequently named and launched HMS

and launched HMS
LANCASTER
Afterwards, Her Majesty,
with His Royal Highness,
honoured Sir Robert Easton

with Her Presence at funch.
The Secretary of State for Scotland, (the Right Hon Malcolm Rifkind, MP), the Duchess of Grafton, the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine, Rear-Admural David Allen and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wil-

son were in attendance. The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening attended a concert by the Glenn Miller Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall.

Captain Alexander Baillie-Hamilton was in attendance. The Princess Royal left Royal Air Force Lyneham this morn-ing for an official visit to the Union of Socialist Soviet

Mrs Charles Ritchie, Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs and Mr John Haslam were in

KENSINGTON PALACE May 24: The Prince of Wales. resident, Business in Community, visited Fort Purbrook, Portsmouth, and met Chairmen and Senior Exec-utives of the Training Enterprise

Subsequently, His Royal Highness attended a conference of Training Enterprise Councils and Local Enterprise Agency Directors at All Saints' Church. Portsmouth.

Finally, the Prince of Wales attended a conference for Training and Enterprise Council 1002y 5 10 yas Esplanade, Clarence His Royal Highness was re-

ceived by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, Bt). Mr Guy Salter and Com-

mander Alistair Watson RN were in attendance.

School news

Edgehill College, Bideford, Derog

The Governors are pleased to announce the following Scholarships and Exhibitions for entry in September 1990: B+ Scholarship Selane Moure from St. Joseph's School, Bideford.

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Gresham's School, Holt The "Econourgh" Scholarship: Ben Truman (Eversley & Gresham's) ongers' Company Scholarship: opher Barciay (Clebe House).

"Fishermongers' Company Scholar-hip: Noel Hinton (Gresham's)

Paster managers' Company Scholar-sider Christopher Gadd (Cresham's County Scholarship: Alisteir Ponder

The King's School, Canterbury The following have been elected King's Scholars from September 194():

LJ H Bines, Junior Kine's School
Canterbury C.5 Clark, Junior Kine's
School, St. Christopher's Howe, A.D.
Waldron, Holmewood House, Tunbridge Wells, C Aftisen, Junior Kine's
School, Canterbury: Isaas Dean,
Unehall School Robertsbridge, H.D.
Clednill, Junior Kine's School, Canter Chechall, Joseph Ring's School, Camer-bury: Georgina Salmon, Wellesley, House, Broadstairs, M.J. Davies, St. John's Chilege School, Cambridge; A.A.W. McGregor, Weiterley, House, Broadstairs, T.G. Breen, Tempole Grove, Ucidreld, Adam Fendius, Errocove, Lewin, Walwick, Strin Form Sessa Amaouche, Folker, Strin Form Sessa Amaouche, Folker, Bronley High School for Chris (OKS Scholarship)

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Carel de Wel. South African diplomat, 66: Miss Margaret Gollancz, publisher, 70; Sir Eldon Griffiths, MP, 65; Mr Tony Hail, joint managing director, Rea Brothers Group,

Royal Air Force Wattisham, one Tristar from Royal Air Force Royal Air Force Odiham and four Jet Provost aircraft from the Flying Training School

General Duties Branch - Pilot General Oratics Branch - Filet Faving Officer: A F Watts SEC Pulet Officer: J W A Brockett SSC S D Hamilgan. A Howard. P R Morgan Scine, A M Tagg Acting Pulet Officers: S E W Berg P C Beaworth. B Jerminal. S Calebrate. I Calebrate WRAF. A J E Chillen. M L Chinning-ham, G J Danut. A F Doble. S S Edwards. A R Franklin. D W Hespurn. N W Humphriss. D E Own Dip Eng. N A Shuttlewood. R D Watter.

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General Duties Branch — Air

Electronics Officer Flying Officers: 1 J Lewis, T J Yates. General Duties Branch - Air

Londmuster
Flying Officer: K A Brooks.

General Duties (Ground) Branch — Fighter Control Gradusied as Flying Officer Flying Officers: J A Reid, S H Reigh BA WRAF, A Soylunder MSC, Acting Pilot Officers, M J Dalton, D L Keighley, C R Kelly WRAF.

Regniey. C. R. Reity WMAF.
Engineer Branch
Frying Officers: J. Adcock SEng. R. G.
Austen. G. Carling. N. Clarke. I. R.
Cooper, K. C. A. Crostoer, R. R.
Cruikstanks. D. Faukner SSC WRAF.
D. G. Hollins. A. P. Houghton. D. P.
McClerry BSc. P. V. P. McNamura
DMS. J. Statemer, N. S. Terrill, BErg. J. R.
Fernary. R. G. Hogg.

received on arrival by Mrs Avril of Greater Manchester).

of the Halle Concerts Society, was entertained at a Ladies Luncheon at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Midland Hotel in aid of the Halle Endowment

tess of Snowdon later visited Fairfield General Hospital, Bury, and opened the new Extension.

President, this afternoon pre-sented the Parents Against Tobacco Awards on board "The Elizabethan", Festival Pier, South Bank, London. Major Nicholas Barne was in

The Duchess of Gloucester Patron, Scottish Opera, this evening attended a Concert at St James's Palace, London SW1. Mrs Michael Wigley was in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 24: The Duke of Kent this afternoon received His Ex-cellency Quis Al-Zawawi, Dep-uty Prime Minister of Financial and Economic Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman.

May 24: Princess Alexandra. accompanied by Sir Angus Ogilvy, this morning opened the British Interior Design Ex-hibition 1990 at Chelsea Old Town Hall, London SW3.

for which he played. Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Armen of which Her Royal Highness is President, at the Odeon Film Centre, Richmond.

Today's royal

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the Nauonal Trust's Calke Abbey in Derby-The Hon Mrs Victor Bruce, wealthy traveller, sporting shire at 12.30. motorist, motor boat enthu-The Prince of Wales, as Patron siast, amateur pilot, equestrian and pre-war air charter operator, has died aged 94. She

MILDRED Mary Petre, daughter of Lawrence Petre of Coptfold Hall, Essex, and great granddaughter of the 11th Baron Petre of Thornden Hall, Brentwood, Essex, inherited from her American mother a restless addiction to travel and, from her mother's Shakespearian performances on the stage, an ability to

was born on November 10,

capture and to enjoy the Growing up with five brothers, she learned to ride, to sail and to cope with early motorcycles as well as cars. In 1926. at 31, she married the Hon Victor Austin Bruce, youngest son of Henry Campbell Bruce, the second Baron Aberdare of

Duffryn.

OBITUARIES

JOHN KENDALL-CARPENTER

John Kendall-Carpenter, CBE, former England rugby captain, headmaster of Wellington School, Somerset, and chairman of the Rugby Football World Cup Organizing Committee, died suddenly on May 23, aged 64. He was born on September 25, 1925.

THE pupils and staff of Wellington School have sudcaptaincy in 1951.

John MacGregor Kendall Kendall-Carpenter was born a Cornishman and remained a

Clifton College were fortunate to secure his talents as a geography master in 1951 and he stayed there for 10 years, for four as a housemaster, before being appointed to the headship of Cranbrook

School, Kent; a position he energy and stamina but even three years. His final school schools he made a huge imvoluntary aided status at

held for nine years before those who understood the moving as headmaster to East-amount of work he could bourne College for a further absorb in 24 hours were one of the finest science amazed in recent years by his was Wellington. In all of these ability to lead his school so South West. well and yet devote so much pact; especially he enjoyed the time to the cause of rugby football. He was President of the Rugby Football Union in 1980-81 and later President of the Schools RFU whilst being elected to the International game world-wide. Such was

the respect and affection that all the other countries had for him that he was elected their chairman and then chairman of the World Cup Organizing

world, taking little sleep and then bringing back his wide experiences both to rugby and to his school. As a result the RFU were better advised and his school received new ideas and students from many parts of the world. He was one of the great

rugby football administrators of his day and it was befitting that he was made CBE in 1989 in recognition of his work. However, his thoughtful personality was such that he would probably wish to be remembered most of all not by nigby administration but by a succession of pupils and their teachers, all of whom he influenced over nearly 40 years in the profession. The fact that he was able in the last decade to carry out all his rugby duties while steering Wellington School from 400 boy pupils to 800 boys and girls speaks volumes for his leadership. He helped the school to follow an extensive building programme of about £5 million, raising most of the money by his own personal enthusiasm and vision and culminating in the opening of centres to be found in the

He inspired all who played rugby with him; be inspired those who taught alongside him and his pupils whose faces he seldom forgot. He leaves behind hundreds of friends and thousands who Board which controls the admired his talents and skills over the years. His schools are proud to have had him as a headmaster, and all rugby playing countries in the world owe him a debt.

He is survived by his three Committee. He spent day sons two daughters and their

several forced landings and

many adventures, she reached

Karachi on October 27, Hong

Kong on November 9 and

Tokyo on November 24 after

a 600-mile crossing of the

Yellow Sea. She and the

Bluebird then took ship to

Seattle, from where they flew

by way of Vancouver to San

Francisco, and then across the

United States to Baltimore.

From New York she travelled

to France on the liner lle de

France, and from there staged

a triumphant return to

In 1937 she founded a small

company, Air Dispatch Lim-

ited, based at Croydon, to fly

England.

PAT REID

Major Pat Reid, MBE, MC, spirit raising and Reid, w who was escape officer at his gallery of modern hero who was escape officer at Coldit: Castle from late 1940 to mid-1942. died aged 79 on May 22. He was born on film in 1955 and in the sar November 13, 1910.

PAT Reid's book, and the films and television series which followed established Colditz Castle in the public mind as a symbol of the unbreakable spirit of Allied officers during the Second World War. The overwhelming majority of people hugely enjoyed Reid's tales of daring. but a few, including some ex-Servicemen, came to resent him. They felt that the legend which had grown up around Colditz, where officers were sent after trying to escape from other prisons, drew attention away from the real, often less dramatic, facts about life as a prisoner-of-war

in Germany. Patrick Robert Reid was born the son of John Reid and Alice Mabell Daniell. He was educated at Clongowes Wood College, Co Kildare, and Wimbledon College, London. Reid wanted to be an engineer and after a degree at King's College, London, he served a pupillage with one of the country's leading firms of consulting engineers, Sir Alexander Gibb & Partners.

When war broke out Reid joined the Royal Army Service Corps and was posted to France as an ammunition officer. His active war was short. He was captured in May 1940 and sent as a prisoner of war to Oflag VIIC at Laufen, near Saizburg

In September Reid and a group of other prisoners, disdress, escaped, but they were recaptured within a week and sent to the forbidding Colditz Castle in Saxony. As escape officer at Colditz it was his job to scrutinize plans brought to him by individuals or groups of officers and assess them for their practicality and for their possible impact on those prisoners who remained.

He was escape officer for less than two years, but by the end of 1942 11 British officers had escaped to friendly or neutral territory. Reid was one. In October of that year he and three companions cut the bars of a window, sprinted through searchlight beams, got over the wall and headed for Switzerland. Reid remained there until the end of the war. He was appointed an Assis-Berne; in practice he was and in organizing escapes.

attached to the British Emistrator with the Organization direct crticism from them. for Europ operation in Paris.

In the early 1950s he decame an immediate bestseller. The British public, depressed by post-war auster-

was able to provide that upli

The book was made into year Reid published a sequ The Latter Days, whis covered the period after ! had escaped. Other title among his subsequent outpu of books included Winge Diplomat (1962) and M Favourite Escape Storu (1975). Reid's life thereafte was punctuated by revivals (interest in the Colditz story He had gone into business as: housebuilder and from 1959 to 1962 was a director o Richard Costain, but that life was frequently interrupted for lectures and publicity events.

Interest became particularly intense in 1973 when BBC television put on a series. Colditz, in which the escape officer, Major Pat Grant, was based directly on Reid. The series was one of the most



BBC, attracting audiences of up to 19 million. The Colditz enised in German peasant stories provided many other commercial spin-offs including games, models and even a record.

The renewal of interest in Colditz during the 1970s brought with it attacks from some quarters implying that Reid was capitalizing on experiences which most of those who were involved would have preferred to forget.

Reid rejected these criticisms and the suggestions that the Colditz story had become so powerful (almost part of the mythology of war) that it somehow crowded out and overshadowed the achievements of escapers from other prisoner of war camps throughout Germany.

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He made the point that he tant Military Attaché in had not written his first book until a decade after the events involved in intelligence work he was describing and that anyone who had shared his After the war Reid was experiences could have done the same. He maintained that bassy in Ankara, as a First he had kept faith with his Secretary (Commercial), and Colditz colleagues and that in 1949 became a chief admin- there had never been a word of

Reid was three times married, first, in 1943, to Jane Cabot. There were three sons cided to write down his war and two daughters of the experiences. It was a turning marriage which was dissolved point in his life. The Colditz in 1966. He married, sec-Story, published in 1953, be- ondly, in 1977, Mrs Mary Stewart Cunliffe-Lister. She died in 1978, and in 1982 he married, thirdly, Mrs ity, was in the mood for some Nicandra Hood.

leties Institute

the annual dinner of The Char-

stabulary. Other guests included members of the Institute, their

guests and representatives of

The Active Officers of the Honourable Artillery Company.

dined last night at Armoury House Lieutenant-Colonel D.P.

Spooner, Commanding Officer,

presided. Among those present

wort:
General Str Richard Trant (Colonel
General Str Richard Vincent, Leutenant-General Str Charles
Guthrie and Leutenant-General Str
Edward Jobes.

Sir Bernard Braine, MP, was the

guest of honour at the annual

dinner of the Honourable Artil-

lery Company Saddle Club beld last night at Hyde Park Bar-

other professional bodies,

Service dinners

FIAC Active Officers

HAC Seddle Club

Dinners

Lord High Commissioner mided at an election court dinner held yesterday at Barber Sur-geons' Hall after an Ascension Day service at St Giles Cripplegate. Mr Eric Crowther and Mr Lee Brace also spoke. Lord Ross, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Ross entertained at dinner Holyroodhouse Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, and Lady Howe, Among others present The Chartered Building The President, Mr Charles Dickie, was the host last night at

The Lord Advocate and Lady Preser of Carmorile, Lord and Lady Filled. Sir Brian and Lady Filled. Sir Brian Lady Build. She she had been shown to be a filled and the Frincipal Cark to the Central Assembly of the Church of Scotland and Mrs Westherhead.

ceived the guests. Among those present were the guests. Among those present were the guests of the guest of guest of the guest of guest

Centenary Club Mr Christopher Jonas, Vice-President of the Royal Institu-

tion of Chartered Surveyors, and Mr Idris Pearce, senior vicepresident, were the speakers at the inaugural dinner of the Centenary Club held last night at the Carlton Club. Mr Philip Waterfield, chairman of the

Mr L.A. Lewis, Master of the

Parish Clerks' Company, pre-

of France. Group Captain P.G.H. Mathews and Wine

Reglish-Speaking Union Mr David Hicks, Director-Gen-

racks. Colonel B.A. Kaye, president, presided and Mr T.L. Barker, chairman, and Captain J. Fern Iccy also spoke. 1(F) Squadron Association Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Hayr presided at a dinner of the ! (F)
Squadron Association Committee held last night at RAF Wittering to mark the squadron's contribution to the Battle

Commander N.P.W. Hancock were the guests of honour. Reception

In aid of the Museum of Garden History, Monday, June 4, given by the Choir of the College of William and Mary to be attended by HE The American Ambassador, Tickets £35 inclu-

Concert at

ding supper. Gardens and

tered Building Societies Institute, held at the London Hilton on Park Lane. The guests of honour were Sir David Napley, Senior Partner of Kingsley Napley, and Mr Peter D. Joslin QPM, BA, Chief Constable, Warwickshire Constable, Co

Corporation of London

The Corporation of London gave a dinner at the Mansion House last night to mark the visit of the Prime Minister of Singapore and Mrs Lee Kuan Yew. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests. Among those

rman Commission. representatives of organizations having commercial or cultural consections with Singapore, representatives of the Civil Service, subcrames. Common Councilmen and Offician of the Corporation of Lossion and Defit quests.

Parish Clerks' Company

Hatfield House

House open. Details and tickets tel: 07072 60228.

eral of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth. was host at a reception held yesterday at Dartmouth House to mark the International Final of the union's public speaking competition for schools.

Birthdays today

Lord Aldington, 76; Mr Miles the Right Rev Michael Mann, Davis, jazz musician, 64; Dr former Dean of Windson, 66, Mr former adviser, Nigerian Produce Marketing Company, 89; Professor Sir Francis Vallat QC, 78; Mr David Wynne, 51; Baroness Hooper, 51; Mr Malcolm Innes of Edingight, Lord Lyon King of Arms, 52.

Mr Archie Hamilton MP, Minister of the Armed Forces, was the Reviewing Officer at the graduation of 119 officers of No 124 Initial Officer Training

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Pilot Officers: M. Al Awaid, Y. R. Al Milotaett, K. Al Rinwahl, S.S.K. Al Ameri, Y.S. Al Fahdi, S.M. Al Hejri, S.R. Al

dealy suffered the loss of the headmaster who led them for 17 years and who was to have retired this term to concentrate all his energies on organizing the second Rugby Football World Cup. Rugby football itself has been deprived of one of its greatest natural leaders and the man who first played for England in 1949 and took over the

true West Countryman all his life. As a boy at Truro School he left to join the Fleet Air Arm in 1943 before going up to Exeter College, Oxford. He played rugby for Oxford three times, captaining the side in 1950 and he always played in the winning team. In 1949 his last minute tackle on the Cambridge winger brought him fame as he saved the match for Oxford. He went on to play for England (23 caps as a back-row forward), the Barbarians, Cornwall, Bath and Penzance and Newlyn, and he captained every team

Cranbrook, where he began to relish trying to build bridges between the local authority and full independence. His desire to see such bridges between the independent and the maintained sectors of education led him to give much of his time and talents to the Boarding Schools Association, which he chaired between 1981 and 1983. He was a man of immense after day flying around the mother, Toby.

THE HON MRS VICTOR BRUCE

Carlo Raily she completed the 1,700 mile course in 72 hours to win the Coupe des Dames. She and her husband then set up a motoring record at the Monthery Track by covering 15,000 miles in nine days (68 miles an hour), followed at Montihéry - in 1929 - by a record solo drive in which she covered 2,164 miles in 24

ist, introduced her to long-

distance motor-touring and to

the Brooklands Motor Race

Track. In the 1927 Monte

She then turned to the water. Driving a motor boat from Dover to Calais and back in one hour 19 minutes, she achieved yet another record.

hours at 90.16mph.

There remained the air. In July 1930, during the euphoria attending Amy Johnson's solo flight to Australia, Mildred Bruce was captivated by the display of a Bluebird light car show-room window in Burington Gardens. She bought it, decided to embark

Frieston, Lincolnshire, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs LG.R. Whiley, of Malvern,

The engagement is announced

between Anthony, only son of Mr and Mrs T.A.G. Howard, of

3 Bowerdean Street, London, SW6, and Grania, younger daughter of Brigadier P.T. Thwaites, of The Manor House, Ayot St Lawrence, Hertfordshire, and the late Mrs Ellen Thysine.

and Miss D.F. Renkes-William

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs T.S. Juckes, of Little

Barrington, and Diana, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G.K. Reakes-Williams, of Shropshire,

formerly of East Africa, and Fiji.

Worcentershire.

Mr A.W.J.G. Howard

The Rev J.S. Juckes

Mr JJL Miller

and Miss H. Picciniai

and Miss G. Phillins

The engagement is anno

between Brett, son of Mr and

from the BBC Symphony Or-

from Sacrae Symphoniae by

Gabrielli. Among those present

and Miss G.L. Thwaites

within a week.

aircraft advertised at £495 in a only 40 hours flying time in Heston in a single-engined Blackburn Bluebird IV (Gupon a long-distance flight ABDS) for the Far East. After son, Adrian.

that she wanted to learn to fly from London to Tokyo and. on September 25, 1930, with her log book, she set off from

School of Flying, announced

herself and, at the Brooklands

The AA provided maps

Bourget, Paris, ready for the French and tourist breakfast tables. When war came, Air Dispatch moved to Cardiff Airport and concentrated on

aircraft repair work. Her marriage to Victor Bruce ended in divorce in 1941. She is survived by her

Mr Francis Sitwell, St James Public Relations, was in chair.

The Solichary Staff Pension Fund: 1930 to 1990 The Rt Hon Nicholas Scott MP, Minister of State for Social Security and the Disabled, and Mr David Ward, President of The Law Society, were the guests of honour at a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel, London, on Tuesday, May 22, to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of The

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Miller, of Cockermouth, Cumbria, and Helena, daughter of Mr Renzo and Mrs Capt T.G. Usher uni Mrs H. Hasdanen The marriage took place quietly on May 17, 1990, in Edinburgh

Mr J.A. Zegart and Miss J.C. Baddle The marriage took place on Saunday, May 19, at All Saints Church Milford-on-Sea, Hamp-shire, of Mr Jamin Zegan and Miss Joanna Ruddle. After spending their boneymoon abroad, they will live in Sen

Anniversaries

Marriages Luncheons

Mr S.F.E. Barthelomes City Lizison Group The City Liaison Group held a and Miss D.A. Swag luncheon yesterday, at the Brew-ery. Chiswell Street, London, ECI. His Excellency the Japa-Mr Stephen Bartholomew and Miss Dane Swan, were married on Monday, May 21, at Ux nese Ambassador, Mr Kazuo Chiba was the guest speaker and bridge Registry Office. Mr P.J.D. Leathart and Miss F.R. Maida

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 19, 1990, at St Michael and All Angels, Eastington, between Mr Peter James Dunkerley Leathart, son of Mr and Mrs Scott Leathart, of Commenced Leathart, of Commenced Leathart, of Maitland, daughter of Mr and Mrs John S. Maitland, of The

Grange, Stancombe, Glos. The Rev Noel Baker officiated. itors Staff Pension Fund. The Chairman of the Committee, of Management of the Fund, Mr Michael Meggeson, spoke at the Iuncheon together with the Minister and Mr Colin Lever, Senior Partner of Bacon

and Woodrow, consulting Wassett & Contentity The Rt Hon Sir Leon Brittan QC, was Guest Speaker at a Luncheon for Business Leaders held yesterday at the House of Commons, hosted by Waggett & Company, International Management Consultants and spon-

between Captain Timothy Usher and Mrs Helen

London, 1803; Ralph Waldo Emerson, writer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1803; Jacob Burckhardt, historian, Basel, 1818; Tom Sayers, champion bare-knuckle fighter, Brighton, 1826; Max Aitken, Ist Baron Beaverbrook, newspaper proprietor, Maple, Outano, 1879, Igor Sikorsky, pioneer of the heli-copter, Kiev, 1889; Theodore Roethke, poet, Saginaw, Michi-gao, 1908. DEATHS: The Venerable Bede,

theologian, Jarrow, 735; Pedro Calderon de la Barca, dramatist

and poet, Madrid, 1681; Gustave Holst, composer, London, 1934; Jacques Feyder, film director, Switzerland, 1948; Robert Capa, photographer, killed in Vietnam, 1954.

BIRTHS: Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton, novelist

Overmead, Lower Heyford, Oxon, and Miss Fiona Romaire

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Katrina Easterling and Miss Jane Gadsden. The best man was Mr David Leathart. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent

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sored by Mr Anthony Steen, MP. Mr Michael Waggett-

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Durant, MP, were hosts yes-terday at a farewell luncheon

given by the Executive Com-mittee of the UK branch of the

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association at the House of

Lords in honour of the Speakers.

Deputy Speakers and Members of Commonwealth Parliaments attending the 1990 Parliament-

ensuing year.
Master. Mr. Nicholas Corah: Upper Warden. Mr. Nichael Chepman: Under Warden, Mr. Janescy Ridge. The Turners'

Company At their annual Ascension Day Election Court meeting, the Turners Company elected B.C. Johnston Master, M. Simmonds Upper Warden and E.W. Saw-

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the Reviewing Officer at the graduation of 119 officers of No 124 Initial Officer Training Course from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell on May Four Phantom aircraft from

Royal Air Force Cranwell provided the fly-past.

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The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon visited Manchester and was

Fishwick (Vice Lord-Lieutenant Her Royal Highness, Patron

Appeal.
The Princess Margaret, Coun-

The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in attendance. The Duke of Gloucester, as

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance. Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy were present this evening at a Charity Screening of the film "Crimes and Misdemeanors", in aid of the Royal

of Music in Country Churches, will attend a concert at St Mary's, Beeston next Mileham, Norfolk, at 7.25.

Mr Ian McKellen, actor, 51;

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ecretarial Toying Officers: A G Narrison BSc. M B Page. Pilof Officers: K B Blackston BSc, J Wellers. Acting Pilof Officers: L G Carey WRAF, P J Mercer.

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Victor Bruce, a keen motor-

Forthcoming marriages Mr N.J.S. Brophy Mr and Mrs Jack Hudson, of Cosby, Leicestershire, are pleased to announce the engage-ment of their daughter Stephame Ann, to Nigel John, son of Mr and Mrs R.A. Brophy, of Blackrock, Co Dublin.

Mr P.D.A. Crowther and Miss L-M. Oliver The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr Derek Crowther, of Syon, Middlesex and Mrs Valerie Crowther, of Kingston, Surrey, and Lynne-Marie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Oliver, of Blackpool, Lancs.

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Dr and Mrs M.R. Dobson, of Ravenscroft, Waun Fawr, Aberystwyth, and Josephine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.B. Ticehurst, of Batheaston, Mr G.A. Planmurice and Mrs M.E. Atwill

The marriage takes place tomorrow between Gerald Fitzmaurice and Mary Atwill. The dedication will take place at All Saints Church, Margaret Street.

Sir John Pritchard

Pritchard was held yesterday at

St James's, Piccadilly, The Rev

Donald Reeves officiated. Sir George Christie, Chairman of

Mr Andrew Davis (piano).

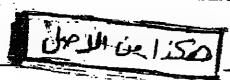
Mrs Roger Stein, of Johannes-burg, South Africa, and Gina-Lee. daughter of Mr and Mrs The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Mr Darryl Phillips, of Belgravia, and Mrs R.M.M. Foster, of London. Memorial service

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to Elizabeth (Libby nee Thorniso) and Martin. a son. Scanner William Thorniso. At Queen Mary's. Sidcup.

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Newcastle, to Carole (niese Roberts) and Milke, a damping Lucy Jane, a side of Pippa and Pichard.

TRILLIVAL - On May 22nd.

In Bristol, to Flona (niese Manaherson) and Richard.

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MARCH PLANDLEY - On May 28th 1940, in Bristol, Philip to Joyce. Congratulations and here from Jenny, David and Samples. DEATHS

ALCOCK - On May 18th, peacefully at 8t George's Hospital, Militard-on-Sen, Hampshire, Commander Cuy W. Alcock O.B.E., R.N., aged 81. Loving husband of Hernatone, father of Richard and steplather of Guy, Puneral at Christchurch, Emery Down, Hampshire, at 2.30 pm on May 30th, Panilly only, no Howers, donations to The Association of Retired Navai Officers, Memorial Service mass, date to be automated.

to be announced.

ANGUE - On May 23rd 1990.

at Bournemouth, Beatrice
Cynthia Macintyre, aged 96
years. Widow of John
Angus Requiem Mass on
Friday June 1st 2.30 pm at
St Stephen's Church,
Bournemouth, cremation
following, Enguiries to DericScott, Poytman Lodge
Funeral Home, Bournemouth (0202) 309609. BISGOOD - On May 18th. In Los Angeles. Anthomy Francis, aged 86, of 77 Gin Lane. Southampton. N.Y. 11968. Beloved husband of Marjorie (nee Allen).

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Shrewsbury. Family Parvers. donations if desired to
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Memorial Hespital. Enquiries
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BEDMING On May 23rd 1990, psacefully. Lieutenant 1990, psacefully. Lieutenant General Sir Reginald Denning K.C.V.O., K.B.E. and C.B., aged 95 years. Beloved busbund of Elicen. much loved father of Jack. David and Diana and joving grandfather. and great-grandfather. Fumeral Service will take place at St Laurenco Church. Hawkhurst. or Friday June 1st at 2.50 pm. Family June 1st at 2.50 pm. Family flowers only. Donations. If desired. In S.S.A.F.A. C/o C. Weberhouse & Suns Fumeral Directors. High Street, Burwagh. East Sussex. tel: (0.435) 882219. Memorial Service in London to be announced later.

BUBLEY - On May 23rd 1990, at St Catherine's Hospice, peacefully in his steep efter a courageous fight against cancer, Jack. aged 80 years, Beloved husband of Jill and father of Surah, Mark, Alexander, Marcus, Amanda and Otiver. The funeral service takes place at Holy Trinity Church, Rudgwick, on Friday June 1st at 2.30 pm. Flowers or donations for St Catherine's Hospice may be sent c/o Freeman Brothers, 9 North Parade, Horsham, West Somer.

EVANG - On May 22nd 1990, Yvette, aged 90, widow of the sculptor David Evana. Cremation at Golders Green, May 51st at 2 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to Western House Hospital Welfare Associa-tion, Ware, SG12 71,Z.

GRACE - On May 23rd, Nick, husband of Sue and father of Sue. Nicky. Peul and Sally, of Fareham. Requiem Maes at Sacred Heart Church, Portland Street, Fareham. op Friday June List 49, 20 am, Flowers to M. Coghian Lid., Westbury Road, Exreham. CREGOR - On May 22nd, as

CRESOR - On May 22nd, as the result of a tragic accident, Dr. Catherine Mary (Kate) Gregor, eged 46. Beloved wife of Zdenek and dear mother of Ben and Camilla, Funeral Service at the Chapel of St Cross, Winchester, on Thurstay May 31st at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Friends of Rookesbury Park School, c/o Jao Steel & Son, Cheall House, Winchester.

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SOLDEN - On May 23rd 1990, peacefully at home, Lucy, wife of the late Dr. Ben Holden O.B.E., T.D., F.R.C.S. and dearly loved mother of Judith. Funeral Service at St Catherine's Church. Sirtles. On Wednesday May 30th at 2,15 pm. followed by srivals cresation. Donations, it desired, to the N.S.P.C.C. or The Childrens Society. Enquiries in J.W. Enq

Holford - On May 25rd, at John Radciffe Hospital. Oxford, Norsh Margaret (née Kam), after a long and brave strongle with leukaemia.

Wife of Trafford, mother of Chartes, John and Mark, grandmother of Naoroll and Emah. No femeral, no flowers. Donations, if desired, to Haematology Clinic. John Radeliffe Hospital.

Norman Charlotte, wife of the late Sir Stephen Hotrata K.C.M.G., M.C. Much loved

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IDE - Pencefulty in his sleep, Patrick O.B.E. Dearly loved by Rufus. Johnna and her fairtily and many friends. By his request private crenation, no flowers or mourning, but donations may be sent to Combined Theatrical Charities Appear Council. c/o Martin Tickner. 110 Mountoy House, 110 Mountoy House, Barbican. EC2. A Memorial Service will be held later of which notice will be given.

LATHAM - On Ascension Day, May 24th 1990, Anne Char-lotte, peacefully at Exeter, much loved mother of Peter, Anne and Michael. Requiem Mass at SS Mary and Joseph R.C. Church, Poplar, E.14, on Friday June 1st at 1.15 pm.

MILLER - On May 23rd, of Liiac Cottage. Coxhoe. Colone Kenneth George Neison, MC. TD. Dl. A devoted husbend of Nan. stephather of John and an adored grandad of Sarah and Emma. Funeral strictly private. Memorial Service to be held later at Durham Cathedral.

God's divine power has been a truly religious life through our knowledge of the one who called us to shark in his own glory and godies.

BIRTHS

DAVES - On May 22nd, peacefully in Liandiloes, suddenly while on holiday in Device. Glen-An-Arr, Llandiloes, seed 91 years, Dear husband of the late Joan and father of Ann and John. Funeral Service at St. Rises Parish Church, Llandiloes, on Wednesday June 6th at 12 noon, followed by private cremation.

in Stone Mandeville Hospital.

RRMOELL - On May 23rd.

Renwick Glies Dryden
(Januny), aged 79, peacefully
at home. Beloved husband.

faither and grandfather.

Fumeral
Crematorium. Verdant Lane.
SE6. Thursday May 31st.
2.30 pm. No flowers please.

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RDGERS - On May 24th 1990.

Sir Phillib Ropers G.C.B.,
C.M.G., aged 75. of Henteyon-Thames. Beloved
husband of Heather: loving
and loved father of Timothy
and Gay and grandfather of
Charles. Elizabeth and
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SABATIMI - On May 23rd.
peacefully at bome.
Frederick Laurence, aged
100. Much loved father,
grandfather and greatgrandfather and greatgrandfather, puneral at West
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Garston, at 4 pm Monday
June 11th. No Dowers, but
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SMEW - On May 24th 1990. In
Brusbane. Australia. Victor
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James. Germerby of
Whitstable. Kent. aged 75.
Husband of June. father of
Robin and Helen, grandfather and great-grandfather.

SPURGIN - On May 23rd.
Elaine. aged 91. widow of
Maior Wyndham Spurgin
and Norman Goldson
(Welherall). Very dearly
loved nother of Maureen
and Diana. Beloved
grandmother of Alan, Hazel
and Carotine and greatgrandmother of Richard and
Alexander. She will be sadily
missed by her family and
many friends. Funeral. Wednesday May 30th. All
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STRECKER - On May 23rd.
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Thomas's Hospital, after a
short timess. Peter, beloved
son of Joan and Hugh and
brother of David. Private
funeral.

VEAR - On May 18th 1990, suddenty in hospital, aged 89, Muriel Ellen, widow of John, mother of Julian and the tate Crahum. All enquiries to Daniel Robinson and Sons, bel: (0279) 656477.

WHITLOCK - On May 21st, at home after a long filmes WESTILOCK - On May 21st, at home after a long filmers brawely borne. Francis Annony, Professor Emeritus, University of Queensland. Much lowed husband of Margaret. loved and respected by his family. Flueral at 6t Pater's. Mithian, 2 pm. May 25th. Family flowers only, donations of desired to Salvanion Anny, c/o colin Matthews F/D. Camborne, Corawali. WOOD - On Wednesday May 25rd. peacefully at home after a long times bravely borne, Brian Wallace, of The Dene. College Lane. East Grissland and Cormothy of Camera Sart Professor 200

Dené. Collège Lane. Esse Crinsted and formerly of Corona Soft Drinks for 20 years, the feet of years in Partnership with the wife Carole in Link Recruthment Services. 71 London Road. East Grinstead. Dearly belowed husband of Carole and loving father to Jonathan, Emset and State. Funeral on Friday June 1st at 2 pm at St Swilhum's Church. Eass Grusstead, followed by interment at Mount Noddy Cemetery. Family flowers only. donations welcome to Chaptell & Rice. East Grinstead for distribution to relevant charities.

tion to relevant charities.

WORTHY - On May 22rd
1990, peacefully at
Robertsons Nursing Home.
Godalming, Edith Margaret.
In her 96th year, Dearly
loved wife of the late Marcus
Gerald Worthy and mother
of Morrice and David and
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It was not only the hospitals and supplies that came in for criticism during the Crimean War, but also the total unsuitability of the uniform.

> "SOLDIERS CHOKED BY THEIR DRESS"

We do most sincerely trust that the communication of our Gallipoli correspondent which we published on Tuesday was read and considered with the attention which its statements deserved. At that spot detachments of the French and English armies are stationed within a short distance of each other, and at the beginning of the present month the two divisions were successively reviewed by their respective commanders.

march, a break-up of the camp, and just sufficient movement to bring the whole machine into action. Our In each case there was a short correspondent witnessed both spec-tacles, and despatched the results of his observation for the edification of his countrymen at home. The French troops marched with indifferent ion, but with admirable alacrity, and with perfect ease. They executed all the prescribed manoeuvres without distress or confusion, were embarrassed with very little haggage, and had their camp eq-uipage so organized that in three minutes from the word of command wholesome and sufficient refreshment could be procured for the men. correspondent, "of one man, who complained of being ill and lagged behind the rest, I did not see a single smallest additional exertion complained." soldier fell out on the line of march, but those regiments who had a long

way to go halted after a march of three or four miles, the sun being very powerful, gathered sticks, lighted fires as before, and regaled them-

selves with coffee." Now comes the contrast. A few days afterwards there was a similar inspection of the English troops. The Rifles, the 50th, and the 93rd, being the identical regiments so admired last year at Chobham, were required to break up from their camp at Bulair, and march about six miles in the direction of Gallipoli, the Rifles and the 93rd to be embarked for Scotari, and the 50th to go into new quarters at Soulari. Nothing could exceed the solidity

and compactness of the brigade.
Their lines of formation were
mathematically precise, the regularity of their step was faultiess, and the whole mass seemed to move by the strokes of some unerring machinery. But this display was only obtained at a terrible cost. As the regiments came close enough for observation, it was seen that the men were literally gasping for breath, "as red in the face as turkey-cocks", their stocks, coats and belts were strained and tightened

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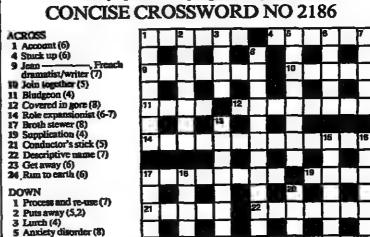
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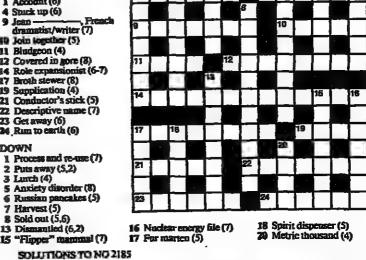


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Down on the happy farm

The rift between feel smug about the fact that countrymen and city not one beast among their dwellers has never herds has gone down with been wider. "What do BSE, at present being dithese townies think?" snarled agnosed in 600 more animals a farmer. "That we keep food on their tables with two pet slaughtered. Nor are they likely cows, called Daisy and Butter- to be hit if the spread of the cup?" Meanwhile, supermarket hordes, peering with deep suspicion at meat on the sheep infected with scrapic. cold shelves, speak darkly about how farms have become "I do not say that none of bovine dungeons where cap-

up bits of fellow creatures. The fears and phobias that have arisen around bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE or "mad cow disease") do not make for balanced discussion. It is a relief, therefore, to talk to Jonathan Blackburn and learn that if not all cows are mad, then nor are all farmers.

tive cows are force-fed minced

The obvious sanity around his meadows at Coombe Court Farm even excluded the other endemic disorders of past weeks: MSS (Mad Scientists' Solutions), typified by the suggestion that in order to fight a disease of still-unknown origin and pathogenesis half of Britain's 15 million cattle should now be slaugh-tered, and MMS (Mad Ministerial Stunts), exemplified by the sight of the Agriculture Minister force-feeding ham-

burger to his own young.
Mr Blackburn holds 200 cattle, 400 sheep and uncountable hens and pigs on 300 acres of a meandering valley where Morten Hampstead village gives way to Dartmoor. "Bovine dungeons? Not here. Because I know a better way. And I am only one among

enrolled in the Guild of increasingly concerned about Conservation Food Produc- what went into things we ate. ers, all trying fairly hard not to

a month with 14,000 already epidemic is traced back to the feeding of cattle with meat from

my cows will get BSE," Mr Blackburn says carefully, "but if the cause is proved to be sheep meat, then they can never be affected." Part of the well-policed Guild regulation is a prohibition on feeding animal protein to animals. This is in addition to bans on drugs, except as medication in the case of illness, on other than biodegrable pesticides other than mineral and fertilizers, and on the keeping of animals in unnatural con-

(There is need here to watch for the symptoms of another current malady: MRC, Mad Rush to Conclusions. Most of the Guild cattle are bred for beef. It is in the longer-living dairy cattle that most, but by no means all, the long-incubating BSE has been detected. Yet this circumstance remains as another item in a growing body of evidence against the past feeding of cattle with dead sheep.)

Mr Blackburn explains how he became involved in the movement. It began with chickens. People would ask if they could have hens and eggs that "tasted like they used to". Then, on a visit to California he saw people queueing for raw milk, that is what they call unpasteurized milk. I realized people were getting

how much animal feed cost. I knew how far a bag would go. But made from what?"

knew. The fact is, I didn't know what animal feed was, I knew bow much it cost. I knew how far a bag would go. But made from what? I started to ask the old boys about the place . . . what did they use to feed the stock 50 years ago . . . how could we get back to clean

rations? In 1986 Mr Blackburn, realizing low-intensity farming could not compete with the rural "factories", opened his own village butcher's shop to sell his meat. People drove from miles around to buy. Another butcher's shop in another town, and a mailorder business spread de-"I also realized how little I mand, "Other farmers came

to offer me meat. They told me they also, often without quite knowing why, felt that what they were doing - screwing too much out of the land with fertilizers and chemicals - was just not doing it right." He looked at organic farm-

ing. That did not appeal. This is the 20th century. If it was not for some chemicals, some antibiotics, some of us would not be here. We give medicine to sick children, why not sick animals? But dependence on chemicals, drugtaking, is something else." Coupled with this was an

economic case. Farming neighbours thought he was mad, with his low stocking £200 per tonne - plus growth-

rates (animals per acre), his free-roam grazing and determination to use field rotation instead of sprays to keep weeds down. They would tell me they could get a lamb ready for market in eight weeks. I was taking 14 to 20 weeks. They forgot the £180 per tonne for feed, the chemi-

a penny more. Cattle are a little more complicated. "Intensive farmers need 10 months to a year to bring a 550 kilo calf to market. It will have been fed on straw and meal protein say one-and-a-haif tonnes at

cals. My input bill was non-

existent, so my sheep cost not

promoting elements and chemicals to make its stomach work more efficiently. The calves are never outdoors, and their buildings are vastly expensive.

My suckling herds stay out all year. The woods give them winter shelter. The only supplement is hay. They will take two years to finish, and bring only about the same £600 at Exeter market. So my costs must be that bit more.

But the main difference is I know what has gone into my cattle. The other man cannot. Bagged animal feed can change day to day. A man sits behind a computer at the big feed companies, puts in the today price for various oils. different cereals and all sources of protein: the machine does the sums and tells him what is today's most profitable mixture that meets the specification.

Mr Blackburn dismisses as whimsy the townies' notion that BSE is a visitation. Mother Nature's revenge for man's grisly act in making ruminants eat others, and that farmers, shamefaced, will turn back from this murky lane. "It has to be about efficiency in the end. Edinburgh University estimated that organic methods put up production costs by 25 per cent, and added between 5 and 10 per cent to conservation farming prices. Unit costs will not come below that even with greater volume, because, whether you have 10 cows or 100, nature still takes the same time to ready them for market. We could turn around the entire along the way we few have

years. Easily. But first we would have to convince farmers that this is not just a food fad, a fashion. The consumer will have to decide."

Some consumers are deciding already, worried dry-mouthed by evidence that a 250-year-old sheep disease, having leapt one species barrier into cattle, has now extended its reach into cats, mice, antelope and mink and could have the human in its

Two weeks ago the Asda chain of supermarkets (Britain's third largest) began stocking Conservation Grade beef, a decision made a year ago, after Mr Blackburn met Tom Gillon, an Asda executive, at a London food show. Sales interest is such at the six experimental stores that four more will join the trial within

walked with Mr Gillon on his first visit to Coombe Court A countryman who began as a butcher's lad and is now his company's controller for meat, he was full of admiration for the sheen on the cows and calves around us. 'Why I am so interested in the Guild is that in 1979 I started a livestock scheme with a group of farmers in Scotland. In exchange for a guaranteed market we were able to lay down conditions about the rearing of the cattle, the feed and so on. They, too, have been forbidden animal feed, and have missed BSE. There are more than 150 farmers in that scheme and they now supply a fifth of our beef. I am industry, take every farmer going up there next week: I along the way we few have think that it would not take

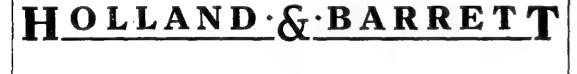
them into Guild standard. This whole thing is exciting, and yes, I think it is a trend."

Mr Blackburn declines to criticize fellow farmers. "Since the war they have done only what was demanded of them: produce more, turn it out more quickly, more cheaply. Like me, most farmers had no idea what went into the feeds. They supposed experts would have judged them safe, and nothing was bad if it did the job more cheaply."

What about artificial growth hormones (banned since 1988)? "I have nothing to say about hormones whatsoever." Which is what most athletes used to say when asked about rivals' use of random hormone-tests conducted by Ministry of Agriculture vets suggests that cows don't have to jump over the moon today to be under as much suspicion as Olympic

Mr Blackburn is less forgiving about John Gummer, the Agriculture Minister, and his advisers. He shares supermarket shoppers' disbelief that sheep offal should still be given to pigs and poultry, and offal from the calves of diseased cows still given to humans, while no one knows if BSE can be passed on.

"To think as we do does not involve making farm animals into pets," Mr Blackburn says. "I don't have cows called Daisy or Buttercup. But I do know them well enough to see when they are out of sorts. I do know which calf comes from which cow. And I know what has gone inside every one of





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Driving Miss Daisy to a safe and useful end

DAISY is eight months old and a beautiful blonde and, although her behaviour appeared markedly odd the other day, as far as anyone can tell she is normal. Daisy is a Charollais-cross

who was bought as a 10-day-old calf last October. I have kept the usual menagerie of household pets before, but never a cow. Strictly speaking, of course, I don't keep Daisy either, she boards at a nearby farm. I pay for her food and veterinary bills, and try to look in at important

Eventually, rather than selling her for fattening as beef in a year or so, I want to put her to the bull and let her caive. I don't want her milk yield to be her to graze on rich summer grass and feed in winter on farm silage or hay. The aim is merely to observe a domestic farm animal experiencing a full, natural life cycle.

When Daisy was let out to ods which grass for the first time with the BSE fears. other cows, she charged around and kicked up her heels in gice before coming to rest, snorting and wild-eyed, under a giant may tree. It was then the thought struck me. Were these manic displays portents of doom? Could Daisy possibly be incubating BSE, passed on in utero?

Were Daisy to end up on the butcher's slab she would probably do so at around three to four years old. According to BBC2's recent Horizon programme, infected animals tend not to show signs of mad cow disease until they are about five years old, and until then can appear perfectly normal. Daisy could theoretically walk up the path to the abattoir without anyone susWhy an animal lover visited an

abattoir and started eating

meat again

be harbouring. The question presented itself: if it came to the worst, and Daisy were undetectably diseased, how safe for the consumer are slaughtering methods? Gaining admission to

slaughterhouse in these troubled times is not easy. The owner of one of the 10 per cent of British abattoirs operating to EC standards (mandatory artificially boosted, and I want by 1992) is also a farmer and retail butcher. He stresses that other abattoirs also have high standards, and says he would dearly love to go public and condemn inaccurate claims about slaughterhouse methods which have heightened

> He was particularly annoyed by reports that brain tissue from split cows' heads if infected, could splatter red meat carcasses. The law demands that brains should be removed from bovines and therefore from the food chain. All abattoirs are entitled to do this, but in practice most do not. "Ox heads go out under licence to specific head-boning plants," the butcher said. Carcasses are presented for splitting minus their heads.

An Official Veterinary Surgeon (OVS), representing the local health authority, was present on the slaughterhouse floor to monitor each carcass within minutes of death. At the start of the day of my visit all conscience and confidence. consignment of lambs

thing was incredibly clean, quick, and virtually odourfree. Edible offal was subjected to intense study for signs of previous pneumonia, or parasitic infections such as fluke. Lymph glands were cut open and minutely examined. In the event of anything abnormal, every part is in-spected further, condemned meat is stained black and removed to a special, locked room. Only when an OVS, or a meat inspector, is satisfied about every bit of an animal is stamped fit for human

This may be some way from the centre of the current dilemma, but the thoroughness in areas not of immediate concern was all the more reassuring. Yet what about the use of band-saws to remove spinal cords - another operation that has led to anxiety about BSE contamination?

I saw a neatly split backbone on a beef carcass whose spinal cord had been pulled cleanly through, to be immediately discarded with other banned offal. It didn't make sense to adopt a "chainsaw massacre"

proach to valuable beef. As a professed animal lover and certainly, of late, less of a red meat eater, I did find myself alarmed - but only by my own apparent desensitization; I was not disturbed by animals lying peacefully in clean pens, with plenty of fresh water, but about to die.

Had it been Daisy, I don't think I would have felt very much more concerned. On the way home, I bought porterhouse steak for dinner and, in thoroughly enjoyed it.

What price the

painter Prince?

Lithographs of watercolours by the

Prince of Wales are on sale at £2,600

each. Who clinched the deal?

watercolours are on show. "I can't say I felt terribly

nervous or over-awed, even at the beginning. I think it was because one of my artists was so crusty and difficult that I

used to quake in my shoes whenever I went to see him. I thought 'Prince Charles can't be as difficult as that'. And, of

course, he was charming and

enthusiastic and very interested in the whole project." It was an achievement for someone who started in fine

art only two years ago. At that

time, Ms Hunter was compil-

ing a celebrity cookbook for the NSPCC and had per-

suaded more than 100 famous people to give her their

favourite recipes. In her

search for illustrators she met Ruskin Spear.
"When I went to his home I

asked how much his oils were

and he said between £5,000 and £20,000. I thought 'I have

loads of friends who would love to have one of your pictures on their walls but who

have other things to pay for'. I thought I had seen a gap in the

She was also in the middle

of a divorce and desperate for

work she could do from home.

Though she had been an economics teacher she was

determined not to go back to

market.

n her early days in the fine

art business, Anna Hunter was rash enough to tell her three children that whenever

she sold a print they could go to McDonald's to celebrate.

Her latest coup — publishing a series of limited-edition

hithographs of the Prince of Wales's watercolours - means she will have to rethink the

offer. The first, "Wensleydale from Moorcock", only goes on public view today at the Bath

Contemporary Art Fair but the calls are already coming in

particularly from America and

Japan where, Ms Hunter says, they seem to regard him as a

deity".
The Prince never sells his

originals, and such a replica,

approved and initialled by him C90, and embossed with

the Prince of Wales Feathers,

is about as near as it is possible

bought by people who have to cash in their granny bonds to get one as well as by those who

The Prince is, she believes, a

good artist. "I showed his

work to Carel Weight who

taught people such as Hockney, and who is the father of a whole generation of

British artists, and he said that

the Prince is very talented. He

thinks his work shows freshness, a very good sense of

composition and a wonderful

At £2,600 each, plus VAT, the 295 prints in this edition

are, she admits, rather pricey.

"It's almost impossible to

price something like this, but we did seek the advice of the

Ms Hunter, aged 37, and her

business partner, Guy Thompson, will make some

money from the sales, but

most of the price - the artist's

royalties - will go to the Prince's Charities Trust. It

was this proposal which Ms

Hunter outlined to the Prince

major auction houses."

use of colour and texture."

There is no doubt that he is very much admired and liked character," Ms Hunter says, "So I think they will be

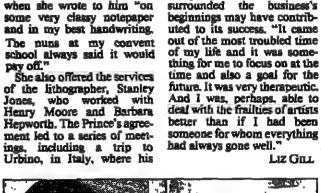
to get to owning one.

can easily afford it.

turned her five-bedroom Victorian house and conservatory in Elstree into a sort of livedin gallery. Even today there are still piles of prints "filed"

behind the grand piano. Her children James, aged 12, Laura, aged 10, and Sebastian, aged seven, remain interested in and involved in her business. In some ways, she thinks, the personal difficulties that surrounded the business's

beginnings may have contribout of the most troubled time of my life and it was something for me to focus on at the time and also a goal for the future. It was very therapeutic. And I was, perhaps, able to deal with the frailties of artists better than if I had been someone for whom everything





Picture of success: Anna Hunter with a princely lithograph





Wimbledon, still dressing to frill

n an age when Technicolor logos, fluorescent pink Lycra cycling shorts and flamboyant Miunehaba headbands dominate the international tennis courts, the sport of serving up such sartorial high-lobs as fillly knickers or a sequined slip dress in any major championship might seem dis-tinctly tame. The last volley of disapproval between player and referee at the All England Lawn Tennis Crob at Wimbledon on the subject of dress was as long ago as 1985, when the body-moulding catsuit worn by American teanis player Anne White was called out. The official reason given? It was thought to be too blatant a publicity stunt and her opponent Pam Shri-

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ver found it off-putting.

Ted Tinling, the champion of every innovation in tennis dress, approve of Miss White's catsuit either. But the reasons he gave were typically precise. "It was bleak," he said, "What was needed was the

hem frill, the softening touch of something around the bottom." Forty five years after Mr Tinling invented his most famous "softening touch", the length of lace he gathered into a frill to attach to the knickers worn by the tennis star "Gorgeous Gussy" Moran under a satin-trimmed jersey tennis dress he had designed for her, tennis clothes have turned full circle, through the outrageous back to the demure. Both the low-slung hipster hotpants

and spangled knickers of the 1970s, and the tough, efficient shorts and neat-collared polo shirts of the 1980s, have been rejected in favour of a softer, yet equally practical, sporty style of graceful pleased skirt

and sleeveless top. Diana Donovan, a regular partner of the Princess of Wales at the Vanderbilt Club in West London, says that aggressively sporty clothes are out. "Well-cut skirts with labels like Ellesse, Fila and Tacchini, that sit comfortably at the waist and cover the bottom even while serving an ace are de rigueur," she says. White is the rule for tournament play although many players practice in navy, pink or blue. "Chrissie Evert seems to get the look right,"

Mrs Donovan says. "Pretty and Exhibitionism in dress does not talent. One of the noisiest dressers on court today is the American player, Zina Garrison, who, wearing scalloped frills and vibrant colours (toned down for Wimbledon) was powerful enough to slam her way into fifth place in international

We are unlikely to know how Andre Agassi, another flamboyant American player, would modify his customary bright fluorescent pink, black and white striped shirts, and black denim shorts layered over shocking pink glossy cycling shorts, for the scrutiny of senior officials at

the British Lawn Tennis Associ-

As tennis says

goodbye to Ted Tinling, Liz Smith looks at changing

fashions on the court

ation. He has not played at Wimbledon since 1987. The dress code at Wimbledon is that tennis clothes must be "predominantly white" (two-thirds white to be precise). The size of promotional logos is governed by television advertising rules. Distinctive design motifs can be developed and promoted by the smart manufacturer. When Monica Seles recently beat Steffi Graf, Fila's halfcircle pattern was eminently visible on her tennis dress. Rules about shoes are determined by common

sense. None are allowed to tear up the court. Throughout his 50 years as couturier to the top tennis stars, Mr Tinling's only considerations in design remained comfort and glamour. He was inspired by Suzanne Lengien (for whom he umpired in Nice Tennis Club when a boy in the 1920s) playing dressed in Patou pleated dress, with a bandeau wrapped across her brow matching her sleeveless cardigan. "I was at the

impressionable age of 131/2," he said. "I watched her because she was so goddamned good and glamorous. Women wore starchy sports clothes in those days, but her silk dreases were practically seethrough." Mr Tinling cut a dashing figure himself: almost oft oin tall, with his sleek, sun-bronzed head invariably sporting a diamond in one ear, and a bracelet or two on his wrists. For a life spent travelling 45 weeks out of 52, he had his suits tailored (in Savile Row) in drip-dry fabrics. One favourite suit had been laser-cut and custom-made for him in Indianapolis. He was dyslexic and had little education during hischildhood in the South of France. He was sent to learn fashion design in London in 1927, Between 1935 and 1950 he played regularly on the amateur circuit and liaised between don; it was inevitable he

would specialize in designing montswear. Ian Barnes, of the International Tennis Federation, remembers how Ted Tinling put Rosie Casals into black sequins for the American Virginia Ślims tournaments in the mid 1970s, and created the sassy Stars and Stripes dresses with flags on the pockets for the Wightman Cup stars. "Everybody learnt from Ted. He masterminded all that brashness of the early 1970s. Re-cently he had softened the style and gone back to pale colours and much

Mr Tinling's design philosophy followed the simple principle that any woman player who does not want to look like a gym mistress should avoid tailored separates. Even a ladies' double in the local club is quite a macho game these days. It is a great mistake to match a thrusting style of play with an outfit consisting of shorts and shirts," he

In his search for comfort in tennis clothes, he had pioneered man-made fibres and developed finishes as sleek inside as out. One favourite fabric, Fantessa, was developed by J.P. Stevens with cotton inside for comfort and a synthetic outside. "My stars must look good hot and bothered. Creases are hell," he said in 1986 when the Victoria & Albert Museum staged an exhibition of his tennis creations to celebrate the

One arm and shoulder of every tennis player is naturally more muscular than the other, a point considered by Mr Tinling in every creation. The cause of one of John McEnroe's obsessive mannerisms, the habit of tugging at the sleeve of his tennis shirt, was sympathetically diagnosed by Mr Tinling. It was simply, he said, the cut and quality of the cloth. "I am very good on anatomy. I have to be to design clothes for action," he used to say. "The movements of a good tenni player are as beautiful as those of an ice skater or ballerina."

THE STATES ON SATURDAY IN COLOUR

Jonathan Meades, restaurant writer of the year, ponders the difference between expensive bargains and cheap rip-offs

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Excess baggage in the cabin

Obese air passengers are providing new cause for complaint by fellow travellers

are mostly an angry race". Travellers who go by aircraft are becoming a very angry race indeed. Air traffic controllers' disputes are safety that land on the Transport Users Committee their 1989 report, the AUC's press officer. only cause for optimism was a slowdown in the rate of complaints about baggage

handling. Whether it stems from frustration at delays (which seem increasingly inevitable), or fear of flying, or over-generous tippling in the departure lounge, there is something about flying which fills rational people with malice. Prejudices ac-tivate the instant the wheels leave the ground. Within minutes even the sweetest liberal will dream of launching a petition to have that screaming baby caged in a sound-proof box in the hold, or of amputating, without anaesthetic, the legs of the abnormally tall and bony basketball player in the seat

behi**ad**. Now the Americans have uncovered another cause for of high density seating in complaint: obese passengers. Air Delta recently received a CAA is introducing recomcomplaint from a passenger "forced" to sit out the flight on a folding seat because of the bulk of his neighbour.

Sir Richard Burton, the explorer, said that taken to regulate the larger members of that already large nation. Ashington-Pickett Airlines & Travel Reports, an American consumer newsletter, notes that airlines can technically bar becoming as much a part of a obese travellers for being a Bank Holiday as traffic jams.

Complaints about delays, regulatory body for UKticket problems, schedules, registered aircraft, did not baggage, in-flight service and know of any airline that employed such a policy in doormats of individual air-lines, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and the Air seat a large person on two seats or one," said Bruce (AUC) are all soaring. In Hailes-Dutton, the CAA Before 1948 airlines were

required to weigh all passengers to calculate how much fuel could be carried inter-island flights, such as Logan Air's trip to Kirkwali in the Orkneys). Now air-lines use assumed weights (those established by the CAA in 1982 are 80.8kg for then and 63.9kg for women) which are high both for safety's sake, and to cater for flights to the annual convention of the World Jelly Donut Eating Society.

Squashed passengers do not always feel the pinch because of their neighbours. The AUC's report on standards for last year said that "by far the largest increase in relative terms in complaints were directed at poor cabin service, and the discomfort smaller aircraft"; now the mendations concerning

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Trumpeting our unsung masters

A minor master can be a major discovery, John Russell Taylor

argues, after seeing exhibitions in Brighton and in London

ter, for so he must be reckoned . . ". In this case they figure prominently in the curator's introduction to the show of Claughton Pellew's work at Hove Museum and Art Gallery (19 New Church Road, 0273 779410) until June 3. So snobbish are we that we must immediately wonder why anyone should bother to give an artist, who lived from 1890 to 1966, and is now almost completely forgotten, such a substantial showing in the first place - let alone then taking the show to London (in a much reduced form) and King's

This sort of snobbery is likely to be joined by a certain hypocrisy. What we seem to require, to quieten our doubts, is for someone else to say that the artist is an

he very words strike a undiscovered genius: nothing but major figures will do, even if we reserve the right to argue such claims once made. But Timothy Wilcox is perfectly right: Pellew is a minor master, though a master nonetheless, and that does not diminish the pleasure and sense of discovery many will take in encountering his art.

The show is by far the most interesting thing, on the visual side, about this year's Brighton Festival, given that Landscapes from a High Latitude, the show of Icelandic art already seen in London, has unfortunately to be split between two venues, thereby losing a lot of its coherence.

Pellew touches on a number of interesting and unexpected aspects of English art between the wars - unexpected, at least, in combination. He became a great friend of Paul Nash at the Slade.

mingham artists as Joseph Southall and Arthur Gaskin. As the Twenties progressed, he brought these disparate elements together in a clearly personal style. He also took up wood-engraving, and it is as a wood-engraver that he has, up to now, been remem-bered. But his paintings, though neglected, are far from negligible. "The Train" (1920), which belongs to Hove, is one of the most popular pictures in the collection. One can see why: its very English blend of strangeness and cosiness, as of an illustration for Masefield's The Box of Delights, immediately touches a chord in the folkmemory, one which is sounded over and over again in his prints of starry nights and transfiguring sunsets and dawns. There is a

and then of John Nash; there is certainly something of Paul

Nash's mystic aura around a

number of his English rural scenes. But while Nash laid him-

self open to the effects of inter-

national modernism, Pellew

continued to plough an unmistak-

ably English furrow. The most

pronouncedly foreign influence he

underwent was from the Floren-

tine Quattrocento, which burst on

him during his first visit to Italy in

1912. As a result of this we find, alongside the Palmerish and the

early-Spencerish work, some re-

ligious subjects which look a lot

more like Cayley Robinson and

such recently rediscovered Bir-

discipline in the vision. Patrick Hayman comes into the same "small master" category, but he is, nevertheless, the subject of a substantial South Bank touring

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ething of a mystic aura: one of Claughton Pellew's English rural scenes from the exhibition now at Hove

show which begins at the Camden Arts Centre (Arkwright Road, London NW3, 081-435 2643) until June 17 - after which it goes to Exeter, Bath, Wakefield and Worthing.

Hayman died in 1988, and this memorial show is the first large retrospective he has had in this country, though there was a similar show in Canada in 1985.

Hayman is a minor master, if he is accounted a master at all. But he also has the makings of a cult painter, wending his own way to the point of total eccentricity. Though be was highly sophisticated in the ways of modern art, and edited the distinguished magazine, The Painter and Sculptor, from 1958 to 1963, in his own work he often assumes the childlike draughtsmanship of the primitive. This is, of course, hardly unprecedented in the annals of modern art, where the concept of "art brut" has been strongly influential. But Hayman's peculiarity in this context is that he seems totally devoid of that irritating false-naïvety which vitiates so much 20th-century neoprimitivism. If he thinks, and then draws lines around his thoughts. that is because he has really managed to maintain a certain innocence (not to be confused with ignorance) in a world of

grubby experience. He also has his own private

a sense akin to that we receive in a mythology. The same images conlot of David Jones's work, of the stantly, mysteriously recur. There present lying easily on top of a is the bearded, rabbinical figure on the seashore, frequently involved many-layered past. It would be difficult to claim, in what seem to be wedding ceremonies. There are the little boats on the sea, reminiscent of

even for David Jones, a major importance, as has been done for another private mythologist and mystic, Cecil Collins, whom Hayman sometimes faintly resem-

So I do not think it incumbent upon me to trumpet Hayman . as a towering figure of the century, just in order to get him some attention. Minor he may be, but is it not about time we were able, without embarrassment, to applaud the minor masters?

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CRITICS' CHOICE: ART. EXHIBITIONS AND AUCTIONS

ART EXHIBITIONS

BAWDY BAIRNS: Keith McIntyre's paintings for *Jock Temson's Balms*. a play commissioned for Glasgow's Cultural Year, have the expected new Glasgow grotesquerie; more powarful than likeable.

Rash Gallery, 6 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1 (071-828 2588). Mon-Fri, 10.30em-7pm, Sat, 11am-8pm (closed May 26), until June 9. BRITISH CLASSIC: Matthew Smith's diszzlers are more honoured than

looked at these days. A strong selection of 30 paintings. Crane Kalman, 178 Brompton Road, 10em-6pm, Sat, 10em-4pm, until

EXTRAVAGANZA: Leslie Hurry schieved most fame for his surrealistic designs for ballet and drams in the 1940s. These are what still chiefly impress in a timely tribute.
Festival Half, London, SE1 (071-928) 8800). Daily, 10am-10pm, until June 10. RITUALS: N.H. (Tony) Stubbing is now 69, achieved fame in the 1950s and has continued painting his own way ever since. Much play with hand-prints. England & Co. 14 Needham Road, London W11 (071-221 0417). Tues-Sat, 11em-6pm, until June 1.

DISCIPLE: Philip Moyeey was Kokoschka's first English pupil, and the influence shows right up to the present. Confident and colourful; you can see

why Kokoschka admired him. Road, Regate, Surrey (0737 241614). Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, Wed, 10am-1pm (closed May 26), until June 9.

"Derelict Days", by Patrick Hayman, at Camden Arts Centre

TRAILBLAZERS. Either you find Graham libbeson's caricational sculptures insufferably vulgar, or you warm to them as to Donald McGill. Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Bretton

10em-6pm, until September 7. LONDON GREEN: Even if you are not particularly interested in gardens, there s plenty of art in the London's Pride show to justify a visit. Tissot and other Victorians socially recommended. Museum of London, 150 London Wall London EC2 (071-800 3899), Tues-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm (open May 28),

until August 12. DELICATE BALANCE: Hard to see how Jannifer Lea's aubity off-centre pots stand up straight, but they do. Colours and textures exquisite. Galerie Besson, 15 Royal Arcade, 28 Old Bond Street, London W1 (071-491 1706). Tues-Fri, 10sm-5.30pm, Sat, 10am-12.30pm, until June 1.

MODERN MASTERS: As grand a collection of works by the modern classics, from Bonnard to Belthue, as you could wish to see. Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadily, London W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm, until July 15.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

AUCTIONS, SALES

A MILLION PLUS: A famous collection of English ceramics is poised to enter the salaroom record books. The Rous Lench holding concentrates on gems from the great names.
Christie's, King Streef, St. James's (071-839 9060), Viewing (some lots):
Tues, 9am-4pm. Sale: Tues, 10am and 1000m; Mind 1000m; North 1000m; N

2.30pm, Wed, 10.30em and 2.30pm. WINE: Red burgundy "En Primeur" from the superb 1988 vintage straight from France. Four producers, who all follow the organic approach, offer their stock together with wine from other

Sotheby's, 34/35 New Bond Street, London W1 (071-493 8080). Sale: Wed, 10.30am and 2.30cm

ART POTS: A Martinware bird, Moorcroft bowls and vases, Royal Doulton and a large range of character juge among these art caramics. Bonhams, Montpeller Street, Knightsbridge, London SW7 (071-584 9161). Sale: today, 11am and 2pm. PAYNTER'S PRIZE: Oricket ball which Eddie Paynter hit out of Brisbane cricket around to score six runs that won both match and Ashes against Australia in 1933. Also included in this sporting sale is Lord Mountbatten's ibrary of polo books (£10,000-£15,000).

Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Bromoton Road, London SW7 (071-581

7611). Viewing: Tues and Wed, Sam-5pm. Sale: June 1, 10.30em.

HOUSE AND GARDEN: Furniture for the weekend cottage. Windsor armchairs, dining tables and sideboards. Rosewood bookcase and, say auctioneers, 20 lots of good curtains. Stone garden ornamenta for

Tayler and Fletcher, High Street, Bouton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire (0451-20913). Sale: tomorrow, 10am. CHINESE: Local decessed estates

se hardwood furniture and gia and a selection of Nankin percetain in this general sale which also has a turnof-the-century three-wheel milkman's barrow (£300).

Bigwood, The Old School, Tiddington, Stratford-upon-Avan (0789 89415), Sale:

RAILWAY MANIA: Royal memorabilia and old railway items from Wolferton Station Museum at Sandringham, North Geoffrey Collins, 17 Stackfriers Street, Kinga Lynn (0553 774135). Viewing:

today, 10am-6.30pm and tomorrow 8.30am-9.30am. Property split into two sales: tornorrow, 10am and 2pm. Both sales will be held at Marith Ferm, Wolferton (near station). ORIENTAL: Eastern rugs, runners and

carpets featured here at estimates from £60 among antique and reproduction furriture. Phillips, 65 George Street, Edinburgh (031 225 2266). Sale: today, 11am.

JOHN SHAW

TELEVISION

Bravo, little wizard of Oz

the works of that genuine Cornish primitive, Alfred Wallis. There are

crucifixions, generally placed in an

uncompromisingly modern con-

text, juxtaposed with cars and

aeroplanes. There are planes (rick-

combined with, in one memorably

ety, old-fashioned propeller jobs)

bizarre instance, a self-portrait where the propeller ought to be.

And along with all this there are wolves and other wild animals

roaming the landscape, giving one

CUDDLY as a killer koala, arch as the Admiralty, balding as Yul Brynner, Clive James is the hack that got away. An overnight tele-scribbler like the rest of us, he somehow translated himself into a bigger star than most of the unfortunates he once reviewed. Barry Norman has achieved the same kind of transcendency, and Herbert Kretzmer now makes more money out of Les Misérables than most of the lyricists of other shows he had spent half a lifetime reviewing. Critics do not like other critics becoming superstars, let alone millionaires. It is like watching a brother monk opening a Michelin restaurant; somehow simultaneously very enviable and

vaguely unsettling. But the real trouble with James is that he is as good at the new job as he was at the old. His Postcard from Rome (BBC 1) should be forcibly shown to every maker of every travel programme, if only because it had clearly been written

as well as photographed. From its opening recreation of the helicopter prelude to La Dolce Vita, it was evident that we were

in for the usual mix of filmbuffery, self-deprecation and Australian panic. "I told the pilot it was my first helicopter flight over Rome. He told me it was his

first anywhere." Extras in James documentaries always appear to have had their dialogue written by the little wizard of Oz: cab drivers behave like Ben Hur, girls on white motorbikes insult him, the Pope waves on cue. All the old jokes were here: "You never saw such a perfectly judged accessories, and some of the women are like that

But the idea of Attila the Hun being still denigrated by Romans for wearing the wrong tie to massacres neatly summarized Italian tailoring machismo through the ages, and to see James being fitted for a spirit-liberating suit by a man once apparently in charge of Gorbachov's wardrobe was to understand the true meaning of sartorial discomfort.

Prolonged discussions of the Pope's inside-leg measurements (74cm, knowledge is power) were

then an unusual lurch into boredom as James got a lesson in charisma from a veteran charmer. By now, the movie references had shifted from La Dolce Vita to Let's Make Love, but we finally got back on course with James trying to pick up gurls in a cafe where Keats had almost died, presumably while trying to find a waiter.

followed by more traffic jokes and

One or two of the brief-encounter sequences are now looking dangerously rehearsed, but attractive in the image of an extremely small Australian who appears to have had his head somehow compacted into his chest trying to turn himself into a Fellini hero from the 1950s.

One day, if there is any justice. thousands of games-playing Japanese viewers will watch Clive's programmes and laugh uproariously at the antics of the foreigner. Meanwhile, the revelation of the night was that of Mussolini's pianist-son recalling old Benito's obsession with Fats Waller. Today the world, tomorrow the jazz.

SHERIDAN MORLEY



CLASSICAL MUSIC

Tuneful tampering

he urge to "improve" other people's writing is one of those fundamental impulses which keeps the world of journalism turning round merrily. It is no less rampant an infection in the musical world, where sub-editors are called arrangers, transcribers, orchestrators or — if they fail to acknowledge their original sources

Big players are involved in this game. Mozart did it to Handel, which was poetic justice because Handel pinched from all his contemporaries. Stravinsky did it to Pergolesi - adding insult to injury by declaring that no one would have heard of Pergolesi if he (Stravinsky) had not turned Pergolesi into *Pulcinella*. Not true now, and probably not true then. Schumann's orchestration was deemed so incompetent that almost everyone - but most notoriously Mahler - touched up his symphonies. Again, history has proved the meddlers wrong. Bernard Haitink recorded the Schumann symphonies in their unexpurgated orchestrations, and made them work beautifully.

Generally, musicians tamper for one of three reasons. They may have a utilitarian motive: for example, they may have at their disposal fewer or different instruments from those specified by the composer. Or they may be fired by a missionary zeal, wishing an old work to be enjoyed anew.

Or, most interestingly, the intention may be to create something new out of old material. The classic of this particular genre is Berio's Sinfonia, which uses a movement from Mahler's Second Symphony as a back-cloth to a surreal conversation-piece. Similarly, Robin Holloway's opera Clarissa (given its world première last week at the London Coliseum) uses sizable chunks of Wagner to signify something portentous, though no one seems sure what.

are exploring this theme. Last Saturday's concert contained the British première of Schoenberg's arrangement of Mahler's Das Lied von der Erde, and tomorrow, Schoenberg's arrangement of Mahler's Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen can be heard. These are fascinating exercises. Between 1909 (when Mahler

wrote Das Lied) and 1918 (when Schoenberg began his arrange-ment for chamber ensemble) the musical world had diminished. The war had brought austerity to the music business: there was no money to employ vast orchestras. Yet Schoenberg wanted his own

contemporaries to know Das Lied. There is also a sense of one composer exploring the mind of another, making his own discoveries of Mahler's secrets explicit to us by emphasizing them in unusual orchestral colours. The luxurious sweep of massed-string sound is missing. Instead there is an analytical directness in the timbres, which has the effect of exposing the audacity of Mahler's

Alfreda Hodgson and Robert Tear were the soloists, struggling at times, but thoroughly impassioned. David Atherton conducted immaculately.
In the second concert was

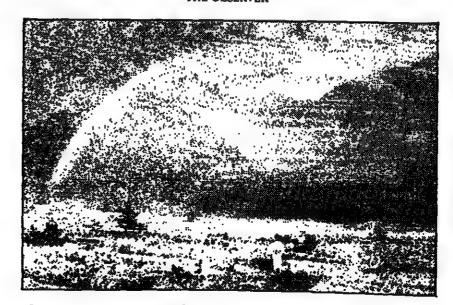
another arrangement: the world première of Three Piano Pieces, Op 59, by Nielsen, in an energetic "recomposition" for 10 in-struments by a present-day Dane, Hans Abrahamsen – known to me only by the fact that he once wrote an orchestral piece called Skum. Abrahamsen has a vivid, individualist way of using in-struments, as his own piece, energetic Marchenbilder, subsequently showed.

The first concert also contained recent Danish music: Anders Nordentoft's 1985 piece Enigegen, which sounded depressingly like rehashed Steve Reich minimalism at first, then suddenly expanded onto a more ambitious canvas. RICHARD MORRISON



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Country brigade. Mean Fiddler, 24-28 Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (081-961 5490), tonight, 8pm, £7.

0303), tonight, 7pm, £6.50. SUZANNE VEGA: Earnest

June 1, 2).

HOTHOUSE FLOWERS: Irish quintet with a jaunty line in pop-mysticism; fronted by cute keyboardist Liam O'Maontsi; back Playhouse, 18-21 Greenside Place (031 557 2590), Wed, 7.30pm, 27.50-28.50. Leeds University, Liston Place (0532 439071), Thurs, 8.30pm, £7.50.

a Place on Earth" starlet not (0273 202881), Mon, 7.30pm, £11. BIC, Exeter Road, Bournemouth (0202 297297), Wed. 7.30pm, £11. Wembley Arena, Empire Way (081-902 1234), Thurs, 7.30pm,

DIO: Grizzled heavy-metal snarler promoting a tasteless new album, Lock up the Wolves.

Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Road (091 261 328 4884), Thurs, 7.30pm, £10.

K.D. LANG AND THE RECLINES: Celebrated Canadian New Country singer who took home a Grammy for last year's Absolute Torch and Twang. Appearing under the benner of the

Understated, and as innocent as ever

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sense of fairground frivolity to the

As for the rhythm section, it

Deborah Harry University of East Anglia

under her own name, which is

ironic since the band sounds more

To her left on stage at Norwich

was close friend and continuing

collaborator Chris Stein, the only

other ex-Blondie member. He

sports a more flattering haircut

these days, and his occasional guitar solos were a delight, owing

more than a little to the splintery

Bob Quine, whose minimal ap-

proach has graced recent albums

On keyboards was a newcomer,

Valerie Ghent, whose bright

chords and runs introduced a

Ronnie Scott's

THE idea of a front line consisting

of two trombones always sounded

dubious. While Robin Eubanks

and Steve Turré are obviously

convinced that the format can

work, it is not easy to share their

enthusiasm. One trombone is

acceptable enough, 76 would be

quite a spectacle, but two have

There may be something to be

said for the reactionary view that

the instrument has withered away

in modern jazz. So expressive at a

gentle tempo, it usually loses

impact when players attempt to negotiate extended solos at any-

thing above slow-to-medium

speed. Even the most gifted im-

provisers come up against this

barrier, and anyone who has

endured a solo set by Albert

Mangelsdorff will know that the

"multiphonics" school has even

Turré and Eubanks, who have

both played with Art Blakey's Jazz

less to recommend itself.

their limitations.

by Lou Reed and Lloyd Cole.

style of fellow New York veteran.

like Blondie than ever.

chugged along as if drum ma-chines had never happened, occa-FOR Deborah Harry time has sionally sounding too leaden. On the one hand this grew somewhat irritating, rather like being served almost stood still. Apart from having escaped the ravages of pudding instead of souffle. On the other, it provided an air of happy advancing middle age, her music is locked in a specific era: those amateurism, always a key part of the Harry persona. She looked shimmering twilight months during which the excesses of punk stunning in a three-piece rust-coloured outfit, fetchingly cut off round about the knee. The singer lapsed into an unselfconscious period of new wave pop. A period which yielded classic collections of melodies such as Elvis Costello's soon discarded the outer layer with a tongue-in-cheek excuse Armed Forces and Blondie's Parabout the heat. This combination allel Lines, not to mention her of guile and apparent innocence previous album, the underrated Plastic Letters. has always stood Harry in good stead and is probably the essence of her sex appeal, along with her lazy vocal delivery, which op-erates to such fine effect on songs like "The Tide is High" and "End of the Puri" In those days, Blondie was deemed to be very much a vehicle for the facially flawless Ms Harry. Twelve years on she is touring

> Dumb and Blonde album. Considering that Harry was the role model for such tawdry successors as Madonna and Transvision Vamp's Wendy James, her image and movements remain remarkably understated. This perhaps explains why she was so warmly received by female as well as male admirers. Despite the simplicity of the music, from old cuts such as "Heart of Glass" to the new single "Maybe for Sure", she exudes a faint air of mystery guaranteed to

problem with thoughtful arrange-

ments and sensitive use of mutes.

One of their strongest pieces, Turre's "The 'O'", developed into a mini-suite which exploited

regular changes of pace and kept

the focus of attention shifting

between the horns and the piano

of Rence Rosnes, one of the new

Blue Note discoveries. Turré's

display of sea-shell blowing, which

is often an intrusive novelty-act

when he appears with other bands,

His ballad tribute to the late

Woody Shaw and the minor blues

which opened the set, both out-

stayed their welcome. So did

Eubank's "The New Breed". A

funk tune inspired by his work with the trendy M-Base team in

Brooklyn, it made initially divert-

ing use of a seven-beat pattern and

Luckily, the leaders have a first-

psychedelic "wah-wah" pedal.

blended in surprisingly well.

of the Run", from last year's Def.

captivate the listener. MIKE NICHOLLS

Back to the emotional basics

David Toop meets

Canadian country

singer k.d.lang

the use of lower-case letters for her name rather than capitals, k.d.lang claims to have given up intellectualizing country music. She has wrestled with the contradictions of being described as a New Traditionalist and has found herself locked in a paradox. Different as they are, singers such as herself, Randy Travis, Dwight Yoakam and K.T. Oslin are modernizing country music by reviv-ing the past. "I want to protect and covet it," lang says, "but I don't want to see it suffocate."

Suffocation seemed the most likely fate for mainstream country until the new generation of singers appeared. In the early Sixues, the so-called Countrypolitan produc-tions of Owen Bradley, Chet Atkins and Billy Sherrill added strings and vocal groups to basic country, and set the controls for a slow drift towards mainstream acceptance. One of the negative aspects of this acceptance has been a loss of the music's individuality.

Lang rejects this drift. An aspect of country that first attracted her was the art of the pedal-steelguitar and the experimental bravado of its players. Now she employs Greg Leisz, one of the best remaining steel-guitarists.

Lang is a Canadian, born in Edmonton, but she grew up in Consort, Alberta, a farming community of only 650 people, where the main social activity was drinking beer in a half-ton truck on a Saturday night. Country music was all around her, but she studied classical music and lis-tened to Broadway songs, rock and rhythm 'n' blues. Later she moved back to Edmonton and dabbled in performance art. Having been inspired by The Sex

she had loved country music all along "The discovery of it", she says, "was really my seeing that it paralleled the values and morals that were instilled in me by growing up in Consort. I grew to appreciate them." Performance art helped her to understand the kitsch element of country music: the rhinestones, the larger-than-life characters and the extravagant taste of poor

Pistols, she finally discovered that

people who have become sud-denly rich. Her rural upbringing balanced this view with an understanding of what she describes as the true value of country music. "The thing that attracts me to country music", she says, "is the need for the humanistic response, and dealing with the basic human emotions of loving, cheating and

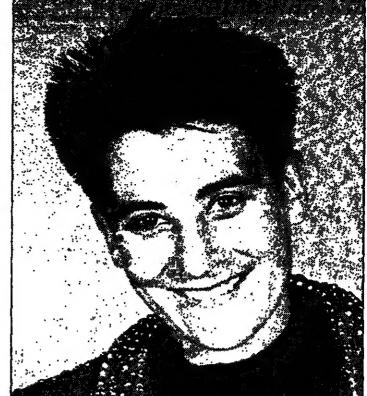
Lang is a strong and emotional singer who loves good songs. "Music doesn't allow you to sing much any more," she says. "Country music is one of the few places a singer can really let go. I wish pop music would go back to when Ella

and Peggy and all those people were singing."

Shadowland, her second album, demonstrated her capacity to use, but re-invent, country music's history. Its dreamy, four-in-the-morning atmosphere was pronounced enough to suggest a touch of performance art in its conception. Recorded in Tennessee, produced by Owen Bradley and played by some of Nashville's finest veteran musicians for an authentic recreation of the early Sixties country-pop sound, it became one of the quintessential retronuevo artefacts of the Eight-

Her third album, Absolute Torch and Twang, was less conceptual and showed that she and her group, The Reclines, can play in a style that was lovingly traditional and sparklingly progressive at the same time. Lang's androgynous image, her rebellious intelligence and her ability to manipulate the images of country music have not endeared her to the Nashville establishment, but industry awards, record sales and accolades are mounting. Her next moves will be into jazz singing and cinema acting. "Music and acting are very similar," she says. "Not in a fraudulent manner, but it's the ability to dip into emotional pools that are inside and be able to express them on demand. I think that's what singing and acting are all about."

• k.d. lang will play tomorrow, Sat-urday, Sunday and Monday at the Town & Country Club, London NW5, (071-284 0303).



Androgynous image? k.d.lang is finding increasing success without conforming to record industry stereotypes

ROCK ALBUMS

Tapestry vision cracked by shadowy shapes

The Icicle Works: Permanent Damage (Epic 466800 2) Thin White Rope: Sack Full of Silver (RCA PL 90459) The Del Fuegos: Smoking in the Fiekts (RCA PL 90422)

HERE are three guitar bands of immense potential, all of whom have recently made mid-career transfer signings to new record labels. Curiously, The Icicle Works, from Liverpool, having traded up from a British independent company of limited resources to the corporate muscle of Epic (home of Michael Jackson and George Michael) could muster only a modestly low-chart entry this week with Permanent Damage. Their first album release for two years, it is an alert collection of high-definition material written by the singer and guitarist Ian McNabb, which deserves to do

rate rhythm section, with Rosnes joined by Michel Camilo's bassist A man steeped in the traditional Michael Bowie and Teri-Lyne virtues of English melody rock, Carrington on drums - a long McNabb has a distinctive, plummy vocal style, redolent at times of Scott Walker, and a way, thank goodness, from her sledgehammer role in the Wayne ringing, disciplined guitar tone,

effect on the recent single "Motor-cycle Rider" and "What She Did To My Mind", an epic tale of jealous insanity that romps to its erim conclusion with lashings of

minor-key drama. Thin White Rope, from the desert community of Davis, California, mark the jump from minor to major label with the latest in a series of gloriously detailed missives of stir-crazy intensity. Guy Kyser sings like a man in a deep fever, his voice a quavering moan that gusts fitfully across weighty guitar tapestries. The group conjures a musical vision that is tinted with a faint country hue, then refracted through many a cracked lens to cast strange shadowy shapes on the landscape. At the end of "Yoo Doe Right" squalls of uncannily controlled feedback merge into a spiralling typhoon above the insistent clatter of tom toms emanating

from some hellish place below. The Del Fuegos, a bunch of delinquents from Boston, play their shots with a much straighter bat. They have calmed down

piece of 1987, Stand Up, but there is still considerable verve in their combination of R 'n' B, soul and bar-band rock 'n' roll. Here they enlist the services of former Geils Band harmonica veteran. Magic Dick, who looses off several caustic salvoes. Regrettably. Dan Zanes has forsaken the slobbish, neo-Tom Waits drawl that used to make his singing so wondrously

Madonna: I'm Breathless (Sire 7599 26209-1)

We are told that Madonna's new album is not a soundtrack, but music from and inspired by the film Dick Tracy " in which she plays the part of one Breathless Mahoney, opposite Warren Beatty in the title role. Unfortunately, however you choose to dress it up, the resulting pastiche of a Forties' film musical is something of an embarrassment to a performer who has fought such an uphill battle to win the kind of recognition for her artistic abilities which finally accrued from last

year's Like a Prayer.
In the video for "Vo

No 1 single from the album I'm Breathless, Madonna abandoned berself entirely to the Marilyn Monroe fixation which began to manifest itself at around the time of the Who's That Girl movie. The song is presented here as an untypically modern-sounding footnote to the main body of the material, but "vogueing" - fundamentally a sexy synonym for posing — is certainly what I'm Breathless is all about.

The authentically musty air of old Doris Day routines and of Sunday afternoons slumped in front of black-and-white movies on the television permeates such jokey, pun-ridden show-songs as "I'm Going Bananas" and "More" (one of three Stephen Sondbeim compositions), but the tone of Madonna's "in character" delivery rings false more often than not.

"Hanky Panky", a bustling ode to the joys of being tied up and spanked, sounds ridiculously eazy when its only hope was surely a light and frivolous deliv-"Cry Baby" boasts some ineffably witless baby talk - "My

sung in a grating bimbo Minnie Mouse voice, while "Something to Remember", the big set-piece ballad, does not have the tune to carry the weight of its ambition.

I'm Breathless is throwaway pap

in period costume, a folly which, even allowing for the attendant movie bype, will be quickly forgotten.

The Jeff Heeley Band: Hell to Pay (Artsta 260815) This is a disappointing follow-up to the See The Light debut which

in 1988 introduced large chunks of the world to the blind Canadian guitarist who plays his guitar like a lan steel. The problem is a surfeit of

unimaginative, over-produced mainstream rock material, much of it written by the band itself, and inspired no doubt by the commercial success in America of the uncharacteristically bland ballad

"Angel Eyes" from the last album. Virtually the only song to do full iustice to Healey's remarkable talent is Mark Knoofler's "I Think I Love You Too Much".

CRIFICS CHOICE ROCK JAZZ AND WORLD MUSIC

ROCK

THE STONE ROSES: The truculent Mancunians mount a huge bank-holiday weekend bash at a customized site in the middle of the Mersey. Spike Island, Widnes, Cheshire

(061 839 0858), Sun, 2pm, £13.50. CLINT BLACK: This young Texan management stable is the latest great white hope of the New

THE DEL FUEGOS: Boston rootsrock bar band par excellence. Town & Country, 8-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (071-284

Greenwich Village folkie turned mainstream adult-rock star, touting the resonant but determinedly bleak album, Days of Open Hand. Apollo, George Street, Oxford (0865 244544), Sun, 7.30pm, £8-£10. Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, London W1 (071-580 9562), Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, £10-£12 (also June 1. 2).

keyboardist Liam O'Maoniai; back in the charts with "Give It Up". Empire, Lime Street, Liverpool (051 708 1555), tonight, 7.30pm, \$7.50-28.50. Royal Centre, Theatre Squere, Nottingham (0602 483505), Sun, 7.30pm, \$7.50-28.50. Capitol, 431 Union Street, Aberdeen (0224 583141), Tues, 7.30pm, \$7.50-28.50. Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-21 Greenside Place

BELINDA CARLISLE: "Heaven is renowned for the stirring quality of her live performances.
NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133), tomorrow, 7.30pm, £10-£12-50.
Brighton Centre, King's Road

£10-£12.50.

Northumberiand Hosbi (1997) 2606), tonight, 7.30pm, 92-610. Apollo, Arwick Green, Manchester (061 273 3775), tomorrow, 7.30pm, 99-610, Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (081-748 4081), Tues, 7,30pm, £9-£10. Aston Villa Leisure Centre, 8 Aston Hall Road, Birmingham (021

Route 90 festival (see review). Town & Country, 8-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (071-284 0303), tomorrow-Mon, 7pm, £8.50. **DEBORAH HARRY: Ex-Biondie**

Shorter Band.

platinum punkette now a rather batty 44-year-old with a career once again in the ascendant. Newport Leisure Centre, Kingsway (0633 259676), tenight, 7.30pm, 28.50. Royal Court, 1 Roe Street, Liverpool (051 709 4321), tomorrow, 7.30pm, 28.50. National Stadium, South Circular Road, Dublin (010 353 153 3371), Mon. 8pm, £8.50-£10.50. Avoneil Spin, 25.50-20.30. Avoneil Road, Leisure Centre, Avoneil Road, Belfast (0232-451564), Tues, 7.30pm, £9.50. Barrowlands, 244 Gallowgate, Glasgow (041-552-4601), Thurs, 7.30pm, £8.

BOBBY BROWN: God-fearing prefab' soul brother whose grunt 'n' grind routines tend to be a touch heavy-handed.
NEC, Birmingheim (021 780 4133), Mon, Tues, 7.30pm, £12.50-£7.54. London Arena, Limeharbour, E14 (071 538 1212), Thurs, and June 1, 7.30pm, £13.50-£18.50.

KENNY ROGERS: Texan elder statesman of country, best known here for his hits "Ruby (Don't Take Your Love To Town)", "Lucille" and "Coward of the County". G-Mex, City Centre, Manchester (061 832 9000), Wed, 7.30pm, eta 50,518 50. £16.50-£18.50.

BILLY JOEL: Multi-talented bundle of energy, but can he get through "We Didn't Start the Fire" without a crib sheet for the lyrics? Wembley Arena, Empire Way (081 902 1234), tonight, tomorrow, Tues, Wed, 7.30pm, £16-£18.50.

DAVID SINCLAIR

RONNIE SCOTT'S CLUB: The double-trombone quintet led by Steve Turre and Robin Eubanks continues until tomorrow, with ex-Mingus trumpeter Jack Walrath arriving with his sextet on Monday. 47 Frith Street, London W1 (071-439 0747), today until June 2, 9.30pm, Mon-Thurs £10 (members £2), Fri-Sat £12 (members £6).

BEAUMARIS JAZZ WEEKEND: Opens tonight with the 20-piece orchestra Shades Of Kenton and continues with trad marching bands and a closing concert by "The Great Guitars" of Charlie Byrd, Martin Taylor and Barney

Beaumaris Festival, Beaumaris, Isle of Anglesey (Info: 0248 810930), today-Sun, various ("Great Guiters", £7.50).

NEWCASTLE JAZZ FESTIVAL: A well-assorted programme includes the Stan Tracey Big Band (tomorrow), the Mike Stern/Bob Berg Band (Sun) and a Iringe date by the up-and-coming pop-jazz singer (an Shaw (Mon). The Playhouse, Barras Bridge Road Newcastle upon Tyne (091 232 7079), tomorrow until June 3, 7.30pm, £8.50. Ian Shaw: Live

Theatre, Quayside (091 261 2694).

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Mon, 9pm, £250.

BATH FESTIVAL JAZZ: No Papasov's world music (tomorrow) is followed by Stim Gaillard's "vout" routine (Sun), Courtney Pine (Mon) and Chris Barber

(Wed). Various venues, Bath (Further info:

0225 463362), tomorrow until June 10. CLAIRE MARTIN: With a touch of Anita O'Day about her, this 22 year-old singer is equally at home with songs by Cole Porter and

Thomas Dolby. HQ Restaurant, Camden Lock, London NW1 (071-486 6044), tomorrow, 9.30pm, 25. Pizza On The Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (071-235 5550), Sun, 9.15pm and 1.15am, 28. LOUIS SCLAVIS: Reted to a

possible rival to Jan Garbarek, the French bass clarinet/soprano eaxophone player mixes modern improvization with folk influences. Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031 668 2019). tomorrow, 7.45pm, £6. Queen Bizabeth Hall (see below), Sun. Bath Fastival (opposite Courtney Pine), The Pavilion (into: 0225 463362), Mon, 8pm, £7.

JOHN SURMAN BRASS PROJECT: Worthy arrangements from a 10-piece band led by the beritone saxophonist. Support from Louis Sclavis. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Sun, 7.45pm, 26.50-28.50. BLOOMSBURY JAZZ FESTIVAL: A day-long jamboree with the likes of Monty Sunshine, the Cliff Hardie Jazz Orchestra,

Tommy Chase and "The Great Guitars". Hotel Russell, Russell Square, London WC1 (into 071-837 5690), Mon, midday-midnight, £5 per show, day ticket £18.50. ROBIN KENYATTA: Hard bop and free-influenced alto saxophone from the former Archie Shepp and Andrew Hill sideman. Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (071-729 2478), Tues, Wed, 8.45pm, Tues £4; Wed £4.50.

CLIVE DAVIS WORLD MUSIC YOUSSOU N'DOUR: Stirring

vocalist from Senegal, who has achieved fame beyond the world music circuit thanks to the championing of Peter Gabriel. Town and Country, Highgate Road, London, NW5 (071-284 0303), Thurs, 8pm, £7.50. HARIPRASAD CHAURASIA: Leading flautist in the Indian classical tradition. Willesden Green Library Centre, High Road, Willesden Green,

Nottingham (0602 419741), Sun, 7.30pm, 63.90. AFRO-JAZZ: Seven piece group from Havana, mixing Cuban and traditional West African rhythms Bass Clef, Hoxton Square, London, N1 (071-729 2476), tonight, tomorrow, 8.30pm, 27.

8pm, £5. Castle Museum,

London, NW10 (081-451 0294), Sat,

BLACK UMFOLOSI: A cappelle choir and dance troups from Zimbabwe, appearing with the Shoral music group, the Rwizis. Willesden Green Library Centre, High Road, Willesden Green, London, NW10 (081-451 0294), Sun. 8pm. 25.

THOMAS MAPFUMO: Event celebrating the 10th anniversary of Zimbabwe's independence and featuring Mapfumo, the leading light of their musical revolution of the mid-1970s.

Town and Country, Highgate Road, London, NW5 (071-284 0303), Tues, 7pm, £7.50. WORLD MUSIC DAY: Music from Mati, Sierra Leone and Hungary, plus Rokoto and the Anglo-Asian

Bhangra group, Geet. Heineken Music Big Top, Wollaton Park, Nottingham (0802 419741), Sun, 1pm-10pm, free. TOUMANI DIABATE: This young kora player from Mali has a sparkling, individual style which integrates influences from a surprising variety of sources. Junction Club, Ciffton Road, Cambridge (0223 412600), 8pm, pc 50.

IVO PAPASOV: Imagine John Coltrane playing Balkan-style clarinet with the James Brown clarinet with the James Grown band and this will give a vague outline of the rousing Bulgarian wedding music of two Papasov. Waterman's Arts Centre, High Street, Grentford (061-847 5651), tonight, 10.30pm, 25.95. The Leadmill, Leadmill Road, Sheffield (0742 754500), Sun, 7.15pm, 24. Bobby Brown's Café, Mansfield Road, Nottingham (0602 419741), Wed, 7.30pm, 24.50.

Wed, 7.30pm, £4.50. VASMALON: Hungarian five-piece multi-instrumental band based in Budapest. Their stirring music updates and adapts traditional music of the Balkens. Corn Hall, Diss, Norfolk (837 984505), toxicht Rom 55 50 984505), tonight, 8pm, £6.50. Chaucer Club, Bungay, Norfolk (037 984505), tomorrow, 8pm, £6.50. West End Centre, Queen's Road, Aldershot (0252 330040), Wed, 8pm, £3.45.

DAVID TOOP EARLY WARNING

ROLLING STONES: UK dates include: July 4, 6, 7, 13, 14, Wembley Stadium (hottine: 0698 448822); July 9, Hampden Park, Glasgow (cc 031 557 6969/041 227 5511); July 16, Landsdowne Road Ecotopii Stadium Public (2001 081) 5511; July 16, Landsdowne Road Football Stadium, Dublin (0001 980 244); July 18 (new date just announced), St. James's Park Football Ground, Newcastle (hotline: 0898 448822); July 20, 21, Main Road Football Stadium, Manchester (071 379 4444/061 273 3775/061 227 9229).

TINA TURNER: UK tour dates include: July 14, 15, 17, 19, Birmingham NEC (021 780 4133); July 21, 22, Gateshead Stadium, Newcastle (cc: 091 477 5511); July 25, Portman Road Football Stactium, Ipswich (0473 217272); July 28, 29, Woburn Abbey (071-



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Portrayal of a life betrayed

THEATRE Henry IV Wyndham's

SO HERE it is, Richard Harris's Pirandello, in London at last after a two-month journey around the country, shedding members of the team along the way, like a lobster dismantling itself limb by limb. The accidents of the tour, however, belong to the gossip columns and I am happy to say that the production now on show (final director, Val May) betrays no uncertainty of purpose, either in dramatic line or in individual

This is not to say I am bappy with every detail introduced, nor every aspect of Harris's portrayal of the mad and maddened Emperor; but the argument about a life betrayed comes clearly across, and there are scenes, if not all the crucial ones, where Harris's emotional acting accords with the author's intentions.

The leading role is one that fascinates actors, offering them the opportunity to agonize about the hazards of role-playing -Pirandello's recurrent theme-but not as a member of a team, which is Pirandello's usual practice. Henry hogs the argument and remains metaphorically, and often literally, centre stage.

Before Henry's first entry, the centre of the stage is occupied by a grand, gold Romanesque throne, rightly the dominant feature of Tim Goodchild's black and soaring set. But the deliberately common voices of the quasi-imperial



Ben Crocker as Sir Courtly Nice

OPERA.

Rich Claus.

Poor Claus

Rowntree, York

AMONG the four leading opera

houses which had planned to stage

Hans Gal's Die Beiden Klogs in

the 1930s were the Vienna State

Opera (under Bruno Walter) and

the Vienna Volksoper; but each

time, politics intervened. The

work has had to wait until now for

its first performance, by the semi-

professional York Opera, which

has the benefit of a nicely idio-

matic translation by the compos-

The production brings us a beautifully judged work that com-

bines closely-argued musical sub-

stance with a deft lightness of

touch in portraying the humour.

Gál's writing leaves hints of

Richard Strauss's approach to

tonality allied with Kurt Weill's

biting orchestration. Above all, it

er's son-in-law, Anthony Fox,

courtiers is what immediately strikes a false note.

The original translation is by John Wardle, father of the distinguished critic, late of these columns, but these courtiers have been socially degraded in this production for reasons which are unclear: " 'E's the bloke what gave me the job," says one. The presence of oafs diminishes their

When Harris enters, it is not from upstage, where his visitors expect him. Isla Blair's Marchesa, lan Hogg's flippant Baron and Harold Innocent's purse-lipped Doctor (decent performances all) are on their knees facing the throne, but Harris creeps in from the proscenium arch: shuffling, timid and altogether more like our own distracted Henry VL He even toys with a stringed pupper, the sort of trick expected in an RSC

history play. Christ-like, in dyed ringlets, Harris's performance in these early scenes is over-studied. His voice shows sudden bursts of power - though it stays for the most part in the upper register -yet 1 did not sense his grief for his lost 20 years, imprisoned in the role he was playing in a pageant when a fall shattered his memory. Not until the later scenes, railing against the injury done to man by jeerers, does he look, sound and move fully into the bitter pain of his exile from life.

And yet, despite so many curiosities of playing, it is a fine thing to see so fiery an actor back in the theatre again, and in a play worthy of his energy.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Sir Courtly Nice Young Vic Studio

JOHN CROWNE, author of this long-forgotten Restoration comedy, was not the luckiest of men. The return of Charles II lost him the title to half of Nova Scotia, given to his father by Cromwell. He achieved some success writing plays, but was upset by the insecurity of the business, and petitioned the King for a sinecure. Charles requested another comedy, and gave him a Spanish model. Scene after scene was rushed over to Whitehall, and found favour. Then, on the day before the play was due to open, the King inconsiderately died.

In fact, the piece became (if we can believe the author) "as fortunate a comedy as was written in that age", and held the stage for a century thereafter. I fear that it has not been too fortunate in this

is a fascinating score that deserved

jolly affair of bed-hopping, deceit

and self-delusion in a small vil-

lage: it is a farce with a more

serious message about social mo-

res. Much of the action shows the

bedrooms of two different houses,

giving the opportunity for a neat

range of comic ensembles.

Clive Marshall's production

puts all this across with clarity and

imagination; and Leslie Bresnen

conducts a lively performance, in

which Clive Goodhead is particu-

larly successful as the "poor" Claus who outwits the "rich"

Claus and the rest of the villagers.

Die Beiden Klaas should surely be

in the repertory of dozens of

smaller German opera houses.

Only the politics of 50 years ago

How many works similar to this

have suffered in the same way?

seems to have stopped it.

Von Lewetzow's libretto is a

a performance long before this.

Richard Harris (Henry IV) and Isla Blair (Marchesa) in Henry IV

Matthew Line's spare design, a stiding-back scene of a classical façade, does not give us much help in imagining a definite setting. The actors under Richard Tate's direction spend too much time sitting or standing statuesquely in front of it. More important, performances are not sufficiently detailed to take us that little way beyond caricature which this lively, but not very subtle, comedy demands. An exception is Steve Hodson's Testimony, a creepy zealot with a mad smile who forms an amusing double-act with Anthony Jackson's spluttering choleric Hothead.

This duo is kept (for no apparent reason) by Lord Bellguard (Michael Howarth), the most obvious relic of the Spanish original. A gloomy, self-appointed guardian of female honour, he seeks the hand of Violante (Diana Berriman), a spirited proponent of English wifely liberty. Otherwise, his chief concern is to protect his sister Leonora (Lucie Fitchett)

from the man she loves, Farewell (Stephen Mapes), who belongs to a family long at odds with the Bellguards.

Leonora's chief concern, of course, is to foil him. She is aided by the wiles and chicanery of Crack, another Spanish leftover who strains credulity as an Oxonian scholar given to intrigue. Russell Floyd's performance improves when he impersonates a deranged knight, but the part cries out for the energy and inventiveness of an Ian McKellen.

All remains well within the bounds of decency. Indeed, Charles II, reading the play on his deathbed, commented that it wanted "a little more smut". As for Sir Courtly Nice (particular, not pleasant), the part which attracted such luminaries as Colley Cibber, it is little more than a cameo role of foppery, though quite an amusing one. Ben Crocker gives it the full treatment.

HARRY EYRES

DANCE A Matter of Chance Riverside Studios

WITH a story by Vladimir Nabokov as its starting point, adapted as a dance play by Roger McGough, this production by The Kosh ought not to lack dramatic content. Yet much of its action is spent either on heavy-handed mystification or on passages of acrobatic movement that tell

nothing about the characters. This starts with the five performers entering in smoky semi-darkness, carrying suitcases (the setting is supposed to be a With its often challenging vocal lines, its majestically-crafted score night train between Berlin and Paris in 1924). They wander around, seen only in silhouette, and its wickedly pointed humour. roll about on the ground, and then one begins performing somersaults over another's back.

The plot concerns Russian emigrés, among them a young woman travelling in hope of finding again the husband she has lost in

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the aftermath of the revolution. The passages of conversation are enlivened by crazy tricks, for instance an elderly fat lady swinging from an overhead rail by her walking stick. Perhaps the tricks are to ensure that we do not notice the poor delivery of lines by a cast presumably recruited for their physical skills.

The exception is Mark Hopkins as a cheerful little chap, a German dining-car attendant who tapdances as he explains that he was attracted to his job by the rhythm of the train's wheels.

The Kosh began its existence eight years ago as a group of acrobatic dancers who managed to devise somewhat far-fetched plots to show their exuberant virtuosity. The acrobatics still appear, but they are no longer central to the performance, and act only as a kind of surface decoration. The result is is neither one thing nor the other: a hotch-potch of content and form that no longer really

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NEW RELEASES

DREAMS (PG): Akira Kurosawa's tantasia on themes of violence, ecology, and the artists's urge to create: uneven, a touch neive, but a visual feest. Gate (071-727 4043) Lumlére (071-836 0891) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366

HARLEM MIGHTS (15): Tired, vulgar period tale about a nighticub threatened by a compil came bose; an unappetizing vehicle for Eddle Murphy (ambinously serving as writer, director and star). With Richard

Pryor. Cannons: Beiter Street (071-935 9772) Fullham Road (071-370 2635) Oxford Street (071-538 0310) Piaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324). KING OF THE WIND (U): Peter Dutlet's

Names UP: 1 HI: WIND (U): Peter Duffelf's pictureacus family film based on the real-life adventures of an 18th-century mule Arib boy (Navin Chowdruy) and tas horse. With Nigel Hawthome, Jenny Agutter. Cannons: Chielesa (171-352 5096) Haymarkst (171-1836 1459) Tottenham Court Road (171-1836 1459) Octoons: Kanalington (171-502 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (171-722 5905).

LOVERBOY (15): Patrick Dempsey as a Insky pazza delivery boy with appracative woman clients. Disappointing, bland comedy from director Joan Mightan Silver. Carnons: Chelsias (071-352 5096) Oxford

WITCHES (PG): Floatd Dahl's tale of whiches attempting to turn children into mice, pleasantly adapted and vigorously acted (especially by Anjeica Huston), though withou (especiary by Artigues Hausth, involution windom much sign of a major derector at the helm (Noclas Reeg). Carmons: Fulham Road (071-370 2536) Shaftsebury Avenue (071-356 6861) Minema (171-355 422) Prince Charles (071-437 8181) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

CURRENT

CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Guseppe Tomatore's nostalgic tale of a small Sicilian cnema; a hugely appealing salute to the criems; a hugely appealing sature to use movies. Curzons: Mayteir (071-465 8865) Phoenix (071-340 9651).

(Driving Mass Dassy (U): Sweet, endearing film of Attred Utiny's play about a refined Southern lady (Jessica Tandy) and her black chaulteur (Morgan Freeman). Directed by Bruce Beresford. Curnon Futhern Road (071-370 2836) Screen on Baller Street (071-935 2772) Warner (071-439 0791).

. ENEMIES, A LOVE STORY (15): Isaac

Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631). THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY II (PG): Comical cut-ups in the Kalahan desert with a bunch of civilization's finest, an Afman bushmen and his children Crude comedy for the unsophisticated, director, Jame Uys. Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

HENRY V (PG): Visually drab version of Shakespeare's play from Wunderland Kenneth Branegh, who directs and stars With Paul Scotleds, Emma Thompson, Judi Dench, Premiere (071-439 4470).

D ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR: ☐ ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR: Ayotkoum's actingly funny senous-comedy, directed by the aurtor. Whitehell Theatire, Whitehell, London SW1 (071-867 1119). Underground Charang Cross Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thura, 3pm and Sat, 4,30pm. Running time: 2tvo 25mins. Recision to Aus 11.

☐ BEING AT HOME WITH CLAUDE: AIsystems-go performance by Lothaire Bluteau as a male tart on a murder rap.
Vaudeville, Strand, London WC2 (071-856 9988) Underground, Charing Cross, Mon-Trurs, 8 30pm, Fr. and Set, 6pm and 8 45pm, Running time: 1hr 30mms, Ends June 2.

In BERENICE: Lindsay Duncan the love-stricken herone in chilty Racine. National (Cottestoe), South Bank, London SE1 (071-529 2252) Underground Waterlo Tonghi-Tues, 7 30pm, mat Sat, 2,30pm. Running time. 2trs 20mms, in repertory.

* A CLOCKWORK ORANGE: Schlock horror musicat: colourhal, atrietac, awhal. Regency, Kangoway, London WCZ (071-831 0660) Underground Holloom Mon-Sat. 7 30pm, mass Thurs and Set, 2.30pm Running time. 2hrs 30mms. Ends May 26. CORIOLANUS: Charles Dance and a magnificent Barbara Jettord Hum chichood of tascsm. Barbaran Theatre, Barbaran Cer

satre, Barbican Centre, EC2 Moorgate/SI Paul's, Tonight, tomorrow, 7 30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. Running Lime:

[] DESIRE: Spirit possi Zimbabwe, uneven Dawd Lan piey. Almeida, Almeida Street, London N1 (071-359 4404). Underground Highbury & isl Mon-Sat, 8pm, met Sat, 4pm Running time: The 40mins. Ends June 9. # THE DUCHESS OF MALE: Harret

Water a movingly entire water in Webster's murky hornorshow.
The PH, Berbucan Centre (as above).
Tought, tomorrow, 7 30pm, met tomorrow, 2pm, Running time: 3tex 45mms in **★ FASHION: Revised revival of Doug**

w Preshivit: envelope revised of Joung Luce's percent state on advertising ethics. Tricycle, 269 Kilbum High Road, London NW6 (071-228 1000) Underground Kilbum, Mon-Sal, Brim, mai Sal, 4pm, Rumang Izme: 2hrs 30mms. Ends June 23 IN THE RUINS: Patrick Malehide plays old, mad, blind George III in affecting one-man

play.
Royal Court, Skane Square, London SW1 (071-730 1745). Underground Stoane Square Jon-Seat, Born, mai Sai, 4pm Running time: 1hr 30mms. Ends June 2

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER (PG): Sean Connery as a Soviet subtr commander trying to detect. Ponder commence by a grant pre-glasnost drama.
Ceranons: Baker Street (071-925 9772)
Futham Road (071-370 2836) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3803/5824).

♦ INTERNAL AFFAIRS (18): Richard ♠ INTERIMAL AFFAIRS (18): Fachard Gere and Analy Gerce as Lack Angeles cops sucked into a vortex of insecurity and compton. Tired thirtier, given some kick by British director Mike Figges. Carmone: Fullium Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plazza (071-897 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 2300 9324).

◆ JOHNNY HANDSOME (15): Grating. OTHERNY THANSOME (1) CONSTRUCTION
INSYMPATIBLE ACTOR TO INTEREST.
Watter Hill, with Mickey Rounke as a
disfigured cruminal who plans a double-cross
following plastic surgery. With Elen Berkin.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

♦ THE KRAYS (18): Brooking, bloody drame about the isse and fall of the East End gangsters, from war time childhood to incarceration in separatic prisons. Peter Medels directs an ineginatively chosen cast: Gary and Martin Kemp, Billie Whitelaw.
Carnon Chelses (071-052 5996) Odeons: Kensington (071-612 6644/5) Switss Cottage (071-722 5905) West End (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ LEVIATHAN (18): Derivative, cliche-logged underwater thriller about scients the ocean floor, under attack from general transformation. Peter Weller, Ruchard Ch Odeons: Kemsington (171-802 6644/5) Leicester Square (171-930 6111).

♦ LOOK WHO'S TALKING (12): Infan COCK WHO'S TAUGING (12): Intermet comedy about an unreament man and her telling baby John Travellar, Kirster Alley and Bruce Willer's voca.
Cennons: Chelese (071-552 5086) Oxford Street (071-536 0310) Panton Street (071-530 0531) Ociona: Kensington (071-502 5505).
Warner (071-439 0791) Withiteleys (071-752 3303/3324).

MicCABE AND MRS MILLER (18): Revival of Robert Altman's moody Western about a gambler (Warren Beathy) establishing a bordelig in a mining town. With Julie Christie.

Cannon Panton Servet (071-630 0631).

MAX, MON AMOUR (18): Nagisa Canma's Bufuel-like tate of a bored bourgeoin wife (Charlotte Rampling) in love with a chimperzer; elegant, but annoyingly muted. With Anthony Higgers, Dana Quick. ICA Cinema (071-630 3647).

MONSIEUR HIRE (15): Intense, stylist version of Simenon novel about a bac dark obsession with his neighbour; a striking achievement by director Patri Lecome, previously known for comed Renoir (071-837 8402). MY LEFT FOOT (15): The Christy Brown story; uplifting fare, marvellously acted, w

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's selection of current theatre in London ■ House full, returns only ★ Some seats available

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harsh comedy by Ayckbourn, good m on the Costa del Sol, with Michael on the Costa of such with reached Gambon, Peter Bowles. Globe Theatre, Shattesbury Avenue, London W1 (071-437 367). Undergroun Pecantify Group. Mon-Fr, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mms, Booking to June 2.2

□ NOEL AND GERTTE: Smon Cadel. Patricia Hodge amble down Memory Lane with Theatre, Panion Street, Londo

SWI (071-930 2578). Underground. Piccadilly Circus Mon-Fn, Born, Sat, B 15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sel, 5pm Running time. 2hrs 10mms Booking to June 16.

* A SHAYNA MAIDEL: Excellent New

Oscar-winners Daniel Day-Lewis and Brends Fricker. Premiere (071-439 4470).

♦ A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET 5: THE DREAM CHED (18): Robert England's vengelus monster tedously preys on yet more children. Gruesomely polished special effects, but the plot is a thing of shreds

and patches. Carnons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-630 0631). NUNS ON THE RUN (12): Enc Idle and Robbe Cottrare sheltering as nurs in Janet Suzman's convent school. Fast and tunous drag comedy from water-director

Jonathen Lynn.
Odeons: Heymarket (U71-839 7697)
Kensington (071-802 5644/5) Martole Arch
(U71-722 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722
5805) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324). PRETTY WOMAN (15): Share

♦ PRETTY WOMAN (15): Shamelessly old-fashioned romantic comedy, given some modest charm and sparke by Julia Roberte as a gawky prostrute who softens the crust of ruthless businessmen Richard Gere Director: Garry Marshall. Camonts: Chelase (171-52 7034)
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(a) Sheriff's officer in Bleak House employed to arrest Skimpole: "In a white greatcoat, with smooth hair upon his head and not much of it, which be was wiping smoother, and making les of, with a handkerchief. GREGSBURY (c) MP to whom Nicholas Nickleby applies for work: "A tough, burly, thick-headed gentleman, with a load voice, a pompous manner, a tolerable command of sentences with no

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and his nose all on one side, as if Nature, indignant with the propensities she observed in him in his birth, had given it an angry tweak." (a) She befriends Oliver Twist after he has been shot helping Bill Sykes to burgle her house at Chertsey. WINNING MOVE





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By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

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8.10 Paradise: A House Divided. Wild
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episode sees the highly nasty
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search of a doctor. They take the

children hostage only to find that the town does not (and probably still doesn't) have one. (Ceefax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn

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9.30 South of the Border. Pearl and Finn are South London's private detective equivalent of Cagney and Lacey, in this racey crime-busting series. This week's case comes close to home

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10.20 Film: Ladylollers (1988). A superior made-for-television thriller in which a tough policewomen (Marilu Henner) investigates a series of bizarra murders of descent all the Acceleration.

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Guided by an experienced investigative reporter in Peter Taylor, Public Eye has quickly established.

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The subjects are well chosen and

the treatment is crisp and cogent without being sensational. Tonight's edition takes up the National Health

Service's growing dependence on chanty. The issue is not raising money for desirable but strictly non-

begging bowl simply to cover running costs. Moving from specific

examples (such as a general hospital in Worthing which has launched a charity to cut its waiting list), the programme considers the general

voluntary donations in a service which was established to provide equal

implications of having to rely on

Geoff Hamilton, Anne Swithinbank,

Pippa Greenwood and Nigel Colborn have spent the week at the Chelsea

Flower Show to give the viewer an insight into horticulture's premier event

even moderately famous, beware of the mimicking telents of Britain's

sharpest impressionist. Steve Nellon, Enn Reitel and John Bird provide a

One of the ironic by-products of perestroiks is that the Soviet Union has

cancelled helf its subscription to

thereby depriving it of a large part of its revenue. This Arene history of the

paper has always been trapped in an ideological dilemma, often unable to

Britain's Communist newspaper.

Daily Worker (later Morning Star) may turn out to be a not very pren

obituary, Launched in 1930 the

health care for all 8.30 Gardeners' World at Cheisea.

9.00 Rory Bremner, If you are rich, or

strong supporting cast 9.30 Arena: The Daily Worker Story

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World series continues with an international discussion from the

8.00 Public Eye: Charity and the NHS ~

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9.00 News and weather followed by Pitfalls of a Sporting Life. The Importance of weating correct footwear and clothing 9.20 Gloria Live. Gloria Humiford's less than electrifying chat show 10.00 News and weather followed by Popeye Double-Bill 10.15 Playdays 10.40 International One-Day Cricket. The

morning session of the second and final morning session of the second and final one-day game between England and New Zealand for the Texaco Cup, introduced by Tony Lewis from the Oval 12.55 Regional news and weather 1.00 One O'Clock News, Weather 1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax)

Further coverage from the Oval 2.20 Film: What a Carve Up (1961, b/w) starring Donald Pleasence and Sidney James. Pat Jackson directs an enjoyable horror spoof set in a haunted mansion. Northern Ireland: 220 Knots Landing 3.10 Look, Stranger 3.35 Dence of the Weed 3.50 Henry's Cat (r) 3.55 A Bear Behind (r)4.05 Around the World with Willy Fog (r) 4.35 Eyespy 5.00 Newsround 5.10 Round the Twist

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6.45 Open University: Equalibrium Rules OK? Ends at 7.10

introduces highlights from yesterday's proceedings in Parliament
8.30 The Treatment, Rosie Kendali visits a health larm in Bedfordshire (r)

9.00 Daytime on Two: Europe's migrant workers 9.20 Shortages in Moscow 9.45 Fighting racism 10.05 How a boy

copes with the separation of his parents 10.25 Transmission of computer

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beginners 11.40 Mindstretcher solutions 11.45 Spreadsheets 11.55 A level German 12.15 The social

Miller's A View from the Bridge 1.20 An Aesop tale 1.25 Fireman Sam 1.40

Role playing stories for children

2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me (r) 2.15 Weekend Outlook (r)

2.20 Cricket and Golf. Tony Lewis introduces coverage of the second one-

day game between England and New Zealand at the Oval; Harry

Carpenter is at Wentworth for the

championship. Includes news and

With Britain's biggest business, the

affect this will have on workers and

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Leeds: Peace or Quiet?: Newcastle:

the Day; Midlands: The Balloon;

North Report; Manchester:

Round the World: Plymouth:

Delence Industry, suffering a decline

due to recent events in eastern Europe, Michael Delahaye examines the

Westminster, Northern treland: Catch of

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eather at 3.00 and 3.50

7.30 Friday Report: The Price of Peace.

importance of parties 12.45 Part three of

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8.00 News 8.15 Westminster. Brian Curtois

BBC 2

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather table where 45 years ago Atties, Truman and Statin signed the Potsdam_ 6.30 Regional News Magazines. Treaty which shaped post-war Europe. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan with Jonathan Ross. For his
last show Ross welcomes Hugh Leurie,



Debating: Edward Heath, MP (midnight)

The guests include: Edward Heath, MP; Jonathon Porntt, director of Friends of the Earth; two secretaries-general, Catherine Lalumiere from the Council of Europe and Sir Srideth Rampahi from the British Commonwealth; and Emma Keppel from East Germany's New Forum Party. With Germany on the verge of reunefication, the eastern bloc crumbling and the unification of the rest of Europe very much on the cards, what will the distinguished panel predict for the future?



Criticei detachment: Bestix Camobeli (9.30om live with the Moscow line but equally

unable to exist without its patronage The most successful period was the 1930s when left-wing opinion of several shades could unite around the hunger marches and the threat of fascism. The highest circulation (250,000) was achieved at the end of a war in which the Soviet Union had been Britain's ally. Helped by surviving veterans, Beatrix Campbell, herself an old an Morning Star hand, tells the story with sympathy allied with a commendable critical detachment 10.30 Newsnight presented by Jeremy

11.15 What the Papers Say. Mark Lawson of The Independent investigates the

wilder fringes of "mad cow" journalism; the use of language in newspapers; and analyses the Press's coverage of President Gorbachov's pay rise 11.35 International Cricket. Tony Lewis

introduces highlights from the one-day game between England and New Zealand at the Oval

12.25cm Jezz 625. Featuring the late jazz planist Bill Evans, recorded in 1965 with Chuck Israels on bass and Larry Bunker on drums. Ends at 1.05

(3) 10.00 News; Special Assignment

Green 10.45 Daily Service (s) 11.00 News: Analysis: David Walker chairs a discussion on the

purpose of museums and galleries (r) 11.47 Tressure Islands: Michael

12.00 News; You And Yours with

Porcoast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: From
Belfast, Wendy Austin takes a
look at issues reised at this
week's Back to the Future

week's Back to the Future conference for women returning to work. Includes advice on how to find and get the right job without the family losing out. There will be a free help line between 11.00em-500pm on 0800 100 900. Mary Clark-Gless, chair and chief executive of the Equal Opportunities Commission in Northern Instanct lates about

Opportunities Commission in Northern Ireland talks about how the province has made a significant contribution to the

Jessy Rapheel 1.45 Skyweys 2.40 Search for Tomorrow 3.05 Tee Break 3.15 Barke s Law 4.05 The Emergency Room 4.35 Lifestyle Plus 4.45 American Gameshows 6.00 Self-a-Vision Shopping Channel

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6.00 TV-am 9.25 Crose Wits 9.55 Themes News and 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion chaired by Mike 10.40 This Morning. Magazine series 12.10 Rainbow: Our Common Land.

Educational children's programme (r) 12.30 Home and Away. 1.90 News at One with John Suchet. Weather 1.20 Thames News and 1.30 Coming of Age: The Kids Are Coming, The Kids Are Coming, Comedy series about a retired airling pilot and his family 2.00 A Country Practice, Australian drama set in a

community health clinic in the outback
2.30 It's a Dog's Life: Winning By a
Nose. Dennis Skillcom meets the sniffer
dogs that are in the front line in the battle against drugs 3.00 Connections. Simon Potter

challenges contestants to fink the letters in this brainteesing quiz 3.25 Thames News and weather 3.30 Sons and Daughters. Australian family

CHANNEL 4

Includes a look at how people have perceived images of Parliament through the ages. Presented by

business news service introduced by

same Street. Pre-school learning

course explaining, through drama, the basics of information technology (r).

b/w). Extravagant historical drama staming Joan Crawford and Lionel Barrymore. Following the death of his wife, President Andrew Jackson

turns to an innkeeper's daughter for advice and comfort. Directed by

4.25 Colour Box (b/w). Vintage animation

by Len Lye for the GPO 4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quick-fire general

knowledge quiz
5.00 I Love Lucy (b/w). Scatty comedy
starring Lucille Ball. This week Lucy
decides her marriage is turning stale
so she and Ethel plan a change of

5.30 A Hundred Acres, A detailed

5.45 Masterworks. James Greene looks at Jacob van Ruisdael's painting The

Large Forest which hangs in the

Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna (r) 6.00 Buzz: Thrills and Danger. The last

five years have witnessed a growing

concern for sale sex, sale food and sale cars. But what about those people

contributions from Tom Jones and Brian

to tell the truth in this probing computer

who deliberately take risks? Includes

6.30 Star Test. Another celebrity is forced

countryside

lifestyle. The two ladies move in together but soon discover that their

emination of a small part of the British

6.00 The Art of Landscape. Stunning

scenery set to soothing music 6.30 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 Schools 12.00 The Parliament Programme.

12.30 Business Daily. Financial and

2.00 IT For the Terrified. Open college

2.30 Film: The Gorgeous Hussy (1936.

Greg Wood

(Oracle)

Clarence Brown

4.00 Owl TV. in the last programme of this wildlife series, Michaele Strachan and her team look at the prairie dog and delve into a compost heap. (Oracle) 4.20 Disney's Duck Tales (r) 4.45
Fun House, Sapetick game show
5.10 Home and Away. (r)
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong followed

by weather 5.55 Police 5 Plus. 6.00 6 O'Clock Live includes guests Torvitl and Dean who will perform a

special Telethon dance 7.00 Through the Keyhola. Willie Rushton, Eve Pollard and Mike Read are invited to guess the celebrity owners of two residences. (Oracle) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)

8.00 Surgical Spirit: The Phone Call. 8.00 Surgical Spirit: The Phone Call.
Boisterous cornedy series starring
Nichola McAuliffe as the imperious
surgeon, Sheila Sabatini. (Oracle)
8.30 Brian Conley — This Way Up.
Another energetic programme packed
with cheeky cornedy sketches and
musical medness
9.00 The Chief. The last programme of
the impressive police drame sees the

the impressive police drama sees the embattled Chief Constable Statlord (Tim Pigott-Smith) in more deep water with the Home Office and fending off a Masonic plot to discredit him. There

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeineb Badawi 7.55 Book Choice. Ann Thwaite's A. A. Milne: His Life is reviewed by the

(Oracle)
8.00 Short Stories: Fighting For Life,
• The slot for documentaries by
first-time firm-makers goes abroad this

week to focus on three sale of

of their babies, born premature the Free University Hospital in

Amsterdam. One of the fathers

records the occasion on his camera,

even the Caesarean operation by which his daughter is delivered. He, in

turn, is observed by Prisca Boelen, in her graduation film from the Amsterdam Film School, It is a measure of her

sensitivity that although she is delying into the most intimale moments and

emotions, the film never seems like an

taken some courage on the part of the participants to allow themselves to

become public players in stories that at

intrusion. All the same it must have

and at worst end in tragedy 8.30 Hard News includes a profile of Bob

Duncan Campbell of the New Sta and Society debate the use in

newspapers of certain words to

9.30 Loads Mora Muck and Magic. The

10.00 Rossanne. Another episode of the blue collar one-liner comedy series starring Rossanne Barr and John

9.00 Cheers. Kirstie Alley and Ted

Boston bar, (Oracle)

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her fellow pupils

Borzello who has filed more than 180

complaints to the Press Council over

Danson star in the hit comedy set in a

environmentally friendly gardening programme tonight discovers how lead pollution can create a problem for

city gardens. However, Tim and Liz Lang have created an organic casis from

a mass of weeds. There's also a clever suggestion for using old car tyres and a look at a woman who grows

Goodman. Tonight their awolty daughter

Deriene wins the school poetry prize and to her horror has to read the work to

what he sees as inappropriate reporting. Genry Bushell of *The Sun* and

parents anxiously following the progress

author Humphrey Carpenter.

seem to be far too many loose ends to be tied up but perhaps they will be deliberately left dangling for the second series which must surely follow.

10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Julia Somerville. Weather 10.35 LWT News and weather

10.40 The London Programme. This week, Travor Phillips looks at what the future holds for London's City Airport 11.10 Beauty and the Beast: What Rough Beast. Subterrenean man/beast joins forces with a ternale lewyer for action on and below the streets of New York 12.05am We Got It Made. Routine

American sitcom
12.30 The Making of Internal Affairs. Pichard Gere talks about one of his two current film releases, Internal Atlairs 1.00 The James Whale Radio Show 2.00 World Music Awards. Monte Carlo

plays host to the second World Music Awards, featuring artistes from over 25 countries

25 countries
3.30 CinemAtractions
4.00 Unsolved Mysteries. Today, a
report on how the families of three
missing people tried to discover the
facts behind their disappearance
5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman.
Ends et 6.00

10.30 Vic Reeves Big Night Out. In this first of a new series Vic Reeves, Br self-acclaimed top showbiz personality, celebrates the tacky entertainment of the late 1960s and early 1970s 11.00 Film: Harold and Maude (1971).

 There could hardly be a blacker subject for a black comedy than a romance between a woman of 80 and a young man of 20 and not surprisingly Paramount took fright, purting Harold and Maude straight into general release with the minimum of publicity. The distributor's timidity was not shared by cinemaguers who proceeded to turn the film into a cutt piece. It went down particularly well in Canada and in one Minneapolis cinema it ran for three years. Written by Colin Higgins (who has since turned director with Foul Play and 9 to 5) and directed by Hal Ashby, who made a speciality of subversive movies



Ruth Gordon as accentric Maude (11.00pm)

before his early death from cencer, Harold and Maude is outrageously tasteless and very, very funny. Bud Cort is fine as the friendless Harold with his faccination for death. But the screen is frequently stolen by Ruth Gordon, whose portrayal of the eccentric Maude continued a remarkable Indian summer as a film actress, following her Oscar winning performance three years earlier in Rosemery's Baby. 12.45am Buzz. A repeat of the programme

1.15 Star Test. See 6.30. Ends at 1.40

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RADIO 1 FM Stereo and MW 5,00am Jaide Brambles 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.30 Simon Bates 12,30pm Newsbeat 12,45 Gary Goss To Your - Flack Stop See Wilgin to Jungstein Ross - Radio Show 7.90 Jeff Young's Big Seat 10.00 The Finday Rock Show 12.00 'Victor Laws Smith 12.30-2.00em The 'Rankin' Miss P

RADIO 2

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Band 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme
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Financial News 1.56 Weather and Travel
News 1.00 German Features 4.35
News in German 4.47 Press Review 4.52
Financial News 4.56 Weather and Travel

RADIO 3

6.25am Open University (FM only): Maths — Curve Steliching 6.55 Weather and News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Vivaldi (Flute Concerts in 5: Sonits)

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7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Gershwin (Cuben Overture:
Cleveland Orchestra under
Riccardo Chality): Chabrier (Scherzo-valse: Annie d'Arco, piano); Copland (Clerinet Concerto: Richard Hosford Chamber Orchestra of Europe under Fischer); Ravel (Valses nobles et sentimentales: Toulouse Capitole under Placeno)

Plasson)

3.00 Sarah Welker (FM only): The mezzo soprano and Roger Vignoles, plano, perform Poulenc (Le Bestiaire): Hammond (Traulme); Dvořák (Gypsy Songa); Gershwin (The Lordel); Britten (O Waly Waly) 3.45 Mining the Archive (FM only): Music recorded by the Russian planist Emil Gileis (d. 1985) in the late 1950s at the peak of his career, Haydin (Plane Tid No 30 in 17)

8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Hindemith. Hölderin Settings
(Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau,
baritone, Aribert Reimann,
piano); Sonats (James,
Campbell, clannel, John York,
resport: Sumnony, Mathis der meno); Symphony, Mathis der Maler (Berlin Philhermonic Orchestra under the

composer)

9.35 Odd Couples (FM only from 10.40). A sequence of unsuitable musical matches, from Romeo and Juliet to the

from Homeo and Jusiet to the Devil and Kafe 10.40-7.30pm Cricket Special (MW only): England v New Zealand. The second Texaco Trophy one-day international at the Oval 1.05pm News 1.10 Seasons to Savour. 1983 with Peter Baxter 1.30 County Seasons to 1.40 County Seasons to 1.40 County News

Seasons to Savour: 1983 with Peter Baxter 1.30 County Scoreboard 1.40 Commentary 12.00 BBC Wetsh Symphony Orchestra (FM only) under Tadaski Otaka, with Garnok Ohisson, piano, performs Brahms (Plano Concerto No 2 in 8 flet, Op 83)

1.00pm News (FM only)

1.05 Berkes and Lane (FM only): Kidmán Berkes, clarinet, Piers Lane, piano, perform Weber (Grand Duo concertente, Op 48); Weiner (Ballade, Op 8); Poutenc (Sonata); Vulkan (Ragtime Bagetale — first broadcast)

1.55 Northern Simfonia (FM only) under Paul Barnti, violin, with Nichale Petri and Elizabeth Serrin, recorders, and Jeannette Mauntain, cello, performs C.P.E. Bach (Simfonia in 8 flat); Heberte (Recorder Concerto); J.C. Bach (Simfonia concertante); J.S. Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 4)

Concert under Pinnock, with Liss Beznosiuki, Budehude (Passacaglis in D minor: Haraid Vogel, organ); Rameau (Dances from Les Indes galantes: Orchestre de la Chapelle Royale under

Shostakovich (Pano Tiro, Op 57)
5.45 Meaning in the Blues (PM only): The attitudes of blacks to war are examined by Paul Oliver. Includes records such as I-Hibr Blues by the Ronda Kid, Pearl Harbour Blues by Doctor Claylon and Win the War Blues by Sonny Boy Williamson

Williamson
6.15 The Works (FM; only) with
David Owan Norris
7.00 News (FM only); Pichard
Cork talks to sculptor Anish
Kapoor, selected to represent
Britain at the 1990 Venice
Biognate.

The Indey Play: Momer:
Courage and her Children:
Brecht would probably have
put his stamp of approval on
Shelia Flancock's innerant
scavenger of the battlefields.
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calebrated hawker for the guisy way she trundled her cart through the Thirty Years War. What he couldn't toleral were those Mother Courages who also tried to pluck at

reish had she not previously played the businesswise Mis Lovitt in Sondheim's stage musical Sweeney Todo?

9.45 Hens Eister (Nonet No 2: Zurich Chamber Ensemble under Christoph Keller)

10.10 The Blind Spot, by Sald, Read by Peter Howell

11.00 Composers of the Weelc Mendelasohn (r)

the peak of his career. Haydn (Piano Trio No 30 in D); Scarletti (Sonatas: in G, Kk 125; in C sharp minor, Kk 247; in A, Kk 533); Schumann (Sonata in F sharp minor, Op 11), As a preface to part 2, Yury Davidov in 1958 remembers his uncle Tcheskovsky. Tcheskovsky (Reverie d'un soir; Feufliet d'album; Noctume); Shostakovich (Piano Trio, Op 57)

7,30 The Friday Play: Mother

people's heartstrings. Hancock not even once does this in Jeremy Mortimer's full-throttled production. But would she, one wonders, have tackled the role with such relieh had she not previously

RADIO 4

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9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue 9.05 Desert Island Diacs: Sue
Lawley with actor Jonethan
Pryce (s) (r)

9.45 The Cartoonists if (new series):
in the first of six programmes
Frank Whitford meets the
personalities behind some
well-known signatures and
discovers how seriously they
take the art of humour. This
week, he laiks to Mel Calman
(s)

4.00 News
4.05 Tea Junction: Patrick Hannen
and guests review the week's
events
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Includes a
review of Philip Pittley's new
book Flamingos in Orbit and
Slephen Joseph's play Body
Language; a feature by Kerry
Shale on the Adelaido
Festivat; an riem on slate
marimba makers in Wales; and
Tony Jakes reports on the
NCR Book Award (a) (f)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
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6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial
Report 10.30 Morning Story: Sungura, by Tracey Lloyd. Read by Garerd

6.00 Sot U County
Report
8.30 Going Places: Peter Hobday
with travel and transport news
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of The Week (s)
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8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan
Dimbleby in Ely,
Cambridgeshire, with
penellists Lady Hollis; Neil
Mcintosh, director of Voluntary
Service Overseas; local
government Minister, Michael
Porilib, MP, and Joanna
Foster, chair of the Equal
Opportunities Commission
8.50 Stop Press (new series): Rosen presents the children's book programme. Robin Blake and Emma Dally report on new publications for the 8.50 Stop Press (new series): Margaret Collins
12.25pm The Food Programme with
Derek Cooper 12.55 Westher
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping

8.50 Stop Press (new series):
Andrew Marr reviews the week's newspapers
9.15 Kaleidoscope: The Paperback Conspiracy. Ed Thomas meets five best-selfing thriller writers — Colin Forbes, Jack Higgins, Ken Follett, Ted Albury and Craig Thomas — and discovers where they get their ideas (a)
9.45 Letter From America 9.59 Weather

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10.00 The World Tonight (a)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Riding
High, by Phyllida Berstow (2)
11.00 Week Ending: Satirical review
of the week's news. With Bill
Wallis, Devid Tate and Selly
Grace (s)
11.25 The Financial Week
11.45 Archive Ailas: Bob Copper
recalls the 1950s when he was
a BBC folk song collector (r)
12.00 News, incl 12.20am Weather
12.33 Shipping Forecast

FM as LW except: 11.00am-12.00 For Schools (s) 1.55pm Listening Corner (s) 2.05-3.00 For Schools 5.50-5.55 PM (cont) 12.30-1.10am Night School

significant contribution to the development of the concept of equal terms between men and women; and an item on the Sulfivan Bluth animation studies in Dublin, which mals Disney in the making of box office hits such as All Dogs Go To Heaven FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. (London area FM-104.8.) Radio 2: 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capitat: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8 GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. ITV. VARIATIONS

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THE Princess Royal meeting President Gorbachov in the Kremlin yesterday at the start of the first official visit to Moscow by a ber of the British royal family since the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. They discussed improvements in Anglo-Soviet relations, Tass reported. Her 13-day visit was seen as a move to heal a rift between Britain and Russia since the killing of the last tsar, Nicholas II, of whom she is a distant relation. Nicholas and his family were killed at Ekaterinburg soon after the Revolution. Tass quoted Mr Gorbachov as telling the Princess Royal that her visit was part of the developing contacts

between Britain and the Soviet Union, "There is every basis for saying there has been good progress in Soviet-British relations," he said. The Princess Royal was to address students at Moscow's State University today, speak to religious leaders and attend a performance of the Bolshoi Ballet. Later in her visit she will

open a British exhibition in Kiev. The Queen hose grandfather, George V, was a con Nicholas II, accepted an invitation by Mr Gorbachov to visit Moscow made when he was in London last year. No date has been set for this visit, which would be the first by a British monarch to Russia since 1908. (Reuter)

France sends troops to assist riot-torn Gabon

From Susan MacDonald in Paris, and Andrew McEwen

mer colony in West Africa, as dent Bongo to step down. rioters there took hostage Mr Peter Robertson, the British personnel manager of the Shell oil plant at Port Gentil, and nine other oil company executives. All 10 were later released, according to reports from Libreville, the capital.

President Bongo's position has weakened significantly over the past two days. There has been serious rioting, burning and looting at Port Gentil, the country's chief port and the centre of its oil industry, and to a lesser extent in Libreville.

France, which has 500 troops permanently stationed in the capital, dispatched an additional 250 men to Gabon yesterday, including a company of paratroops. Officially their task will be to protect French citizens and interests, but they may have a wider stabilizing effect.

M Jean Duffau, the French Consul-General in Port Genwas taken prisoner on Wednesday night by members of the opposition Gabonese Party for Progress, and the Consulate-General in the city was set on fire. The demonstrators were said to be

M Duffau was released early yesterday with no public statement. Two hours later it was announced that Shell and Elf employees had been taken hostage in the Shell offices in the city. In London a Shell spokesman confirmed that Mr Robertson, M Roland Toulouse, who is French, and Mr Anatol Bouroubou, a local Shell employee, were seized by demonstrators about noon.

They had agreed to meet the demonstrators, who are believed to have demanded that oil production should be



President Bongo: Calls growing for him to resign

FRANCE yesterday sent rein-forcements to Gabon, its for-its influence to persuade Presi-parently also as a way of

putting pressure on the Presi-Shell has been involved in Gabon since 1928 and is the largest oil producer there. It has a staff of 831, including 100 foreigners.

The violence started on Wednesday after the discovery of the body of Mr Joseph Rendjambe, the leader of the Progress Party, in a Libreville hotel bedroom early that

After serious rioting and strikes against the regime earlier this year, President Bongo announced that he was dissolving the one-party state and would introduced a multiparty system.

As the news of Mr Rendjambe's death spread, groups of people came out on to the streets in Libreville. The Hotel Dowe, where he was found, and other buildings were set on fire. Troops prevented the people reaching the Presidential Palace.

• ABIDJAN: Guards at Iv-

ory Coast's biggest prison went on strike late on Wednesday and threatened to release inmates tomorrow unless President Houphouet-Boigny met them for talks. (Reuter)

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MRS MAYLIE

Drama as little ships sail

By JOHN YOUNG AND ALAN HAMILTON

A PROUD armada of little ships, the elderly but still sprightly heroines of the Dunkirk evacuation half a century ago, set sail for France again yesterday to relive their finest hour. And, as if to add spice to a mere reconstruction, reallife drama again intervened.

Soon after 10am, they began assembling beneath the White Cliffs of Dover. The sun shone but there was a brisk cool north-easterly breeze and the boats pitched and rolled in the short choppy seas.

Eight miles off Ramsgate the African Queen, whose true boat had to go to the rescue of moment of glory came 11 the yacht Papillon, whose moment of glory came 11 years after Dunkirk with Katharine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart as pas- him a serious back injury, sengers in John Huston's seven miles off the Kent coast eponymous film, began shipping water in heavy seas and her crew of three feared she her crew of three feared she Another yacht, the Monarch, would capsize. A call from her had to be towed back to

could not find the Queen until a rescue helicopter from RAF lifeboat could get a line aboard and tow her back to Ramsgate with almost as much ig-nominy as she sank in the Mr Jim Hendricks, her American owner, said later

that the drama was all for want of a half-inch spanner. But she was not alone in her moment of need. Dover lifeskipper, Mr Richard Huggett, suffered an accident, causing him a serious back injury, and radioed that he was unable to continue the voyage.

skipper had the Ramsgate harbour. Soon the rest were lifeboat launched, but she away, led by the Royal Navy Auxiliary vessel Example. A cacophony of helicopters hovmanston was scrambled and bovered overhead until the lifeboat could get a line about raced up and down the flanks, protecting their charges and warning other vessels off.On they sailed into the sunlit afternoon with the coast of France rising out of the haze. It may be only 35 miles or so from Dover to Dunkirk but it was beginning to seem a long

How much further must it have seemed to those who 50 years ago crossed and recrossed crowded to the gunwales with exhausted and wounded soldiers and returning again to face not the reunions and parties that will mark this weekend but the

Political sketch

That's more than enough bees - Ed

MOST Members of Par- it really adds up to this that liament have one, or at the he is a fair-minded sort of sions adorned with a ribbon and bow and asked to perform tricks. But it is the same

In this, our MPs are no different from other people. Unlike others, however, they are paid for it. The rest of Britain is confined to writing Letters to the Editors of provincial newspapers.And what is Parliament if not a neo-Gothic, all-singing, alldancing Letters Page, ani-mated into televised pomp and be-wisged circumstance?
Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, for instance (Lab. Workington) believes in an

dedicated to telling us about the sub-plots, and if, upon his headstone, appears the sum-mary "I SMELL A RAT," that will not be far wrong. Mr John Carlisle (C, Luton N) supports South Africa, and takes every opportunity to explain. So when, this week, he rose to question the PM on her diary, it was no

engagement which interested him was her meeting with Mr de Klerk. And this is democracy at work. Parliament succours 650 varieties of sleeve-tugger: tug, tugging at the national sleeve on behalf of their constituents - dotty and

surprise to learn that the

An MPs' task, then, is to get a word in edgeways; and contrive to relate his own obession to the subject discussed. One way is to lead a Debate on the Adjournment. The Motion - "That this House do now adjourn" can be opposed, on the grounds that an important subject - or bee - needs to be aired first.

Thus it was that, yesterday morning, as other MPs packed their buckets and spades for a week's Recess, a little band of MPs waited eagerly in their place, a little knot of sulky ministers delayed their holidays, and a whole hive of bees buzzed importantly round the Chamber. A stack of Letters to the Editor were awaiting consideration.

Mr John Fraser (Lab. Norwood) has much to tell us but

most two, things to say. A life is spent nurturing a bec (or two) in the bonnet. The bee is fed and watered, taken out for hours and at weekends to exercise, and on special occa- disentangle technicalities and dispense reason. Yesterday he chose the finances of housing corporations as his subject: but it could just as well have been the plumbing of housing corporations or the finances of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company. Baffled by anything? Mr Fraser will sort it out. He waited on the bench, a large man with large pink ears, a dark blue suit and tiny fawn shoes. He looked like a giant but

friendly mouse.

Junior minister Chris Chope politely declined to endorse all Fraser's reasoning. The Editor, that is, points Establishment Plot. His life is out that opinions expressed are not necessarily those of his newspaper.

Behind Fraser queued four North Western Tories. They wanted to talk about the North West. Michael Jack (Fylde) - speaking fluently to camera - told us about travellator links and checkedthrough baggage from Man-chester. The Minister, Roger Freeman, listened with the courteous attention of a BR customer-relations officer hearing a passenger's complaint, and promised to put a notice on his desk to remind himself to remember the North West,

The Editor, that is, will bear your comments carefully in mind.

Very last in the queue was Mr Toby Jessel (C, Twickenham). This bonnet houses two bees: the desirability of cultural heritage, and the undesirability of aircraft noise. Yesterday he attacked plans for a "beliport" near St Paul's Cathedral and Cannon Street Station. This, he told us, would spoil the view and make a noise. Crashing helicopters would detail trains and cause carnage among rail passengers. The minister, Colin Moyniban, promised to study this with care but sadly could not pre-empt his inspector's report.

The Editor, in other words, is most grateful for your letter but regrets that this correspondence is now closed. He rishes you a pleasant Recess.

MATTHEW PARRIS

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Labour unveils programme of change for the 1990s

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mental issues, and powers for worshipping the market." the European Parliament to initiate legislation.

Ministers and the smaller parties moved quickly to con-The policy document endemn the package. Mr Nor-Liberal Democrat leader, dorses the "efficiency and man Lamont, Chief Secretary described the document as realism" which the markets to the Treasury, said it was

ne with the market, not the very very rich. To finance this programme there would be tax increases for millions.

Mr Paddy Ashdown, the

could provide, although Mr "nonsense on stilts" for Mr thin". Labour had lost a creed action." Mr Kenneth Baker,

Government's new information co-ordinator, said it was a huge list of open-ended spending commitments with no price tag. "We still find a bully boys' charter, with a return to "unadventurous, cautious and flying pickets and secondary social democratic party.

sion of majority voting in the Kinnock emphasized yes-Kinnock to claim that tax and failed to find a cause. the Conservative chairman, the called it "a nothing-new, costeption". But Labour leaders last night saw the launch as completing the party's transformation under Mr Kinnock into a modern European-style

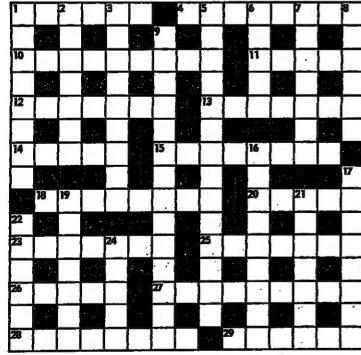
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POLLEN COUNT

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,303



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1 Approve minimum wage in-crease (6).

4 Fish some trawlermen had encountered (8). 10 Area for spectators that did for

11 One making up for lack of prac-12 Put up with passion in female's embrace (7).

13 Christian stating his position in Muslim region (7).

14 It's improper if leaders of one union, therefore, are contracted

15 A severe reprimand, in the event 18 Dark liquid making cloudier mixture (5,3).

20 Dismisses blackbirds (5).

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23 Puzzle that's nothing if not negative (7). 25 Observed angle made by this ray

26 Trollope's doctor, say, was an old-fashioned character (5). 27 Discovered it's currently unsafe

Beetle's surviving part (8). 29 Union members' oratory (6).

1 Facility reporters have with crowd on television (5.3).

2 Pistol. for example, was antique Little point separating adjacent bays, perhaps (5.4).

5 Education reducing social in-equality? (7,7). 6 Hard battle in which men

change sides (5). 7 Give address provided by medical organization (7). 8 I can be relatively insensitive

9 Book the school-leavers preserve is a novel (4.3,7). 16 Patriarch's importance for petty official (9). 17 Arrange deal with shop on

Champs Elysees (8). 19 Decline to provide summary (7). 21 Judge ascent soundly (5,2), 22 Grab a little bit of air (6).

24 England opener, in fifty not out, scored slowly (5). Concise Crossword, page 15

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard WHO THE DICKENS

Most of the British Isles WEATHER will have a pleasant, dry day with a good deal of sunshine. Some patchy cloud in the south-east will hold down temperatures a little. Wales, the south-west, central and north-western areas will have an early and late ground frost away from the coasts. The day will be dry and sunny with only patchy cloud. Scotland and Northern Ireland will also be dry with sunny periods. Winds light to moderate; temperatures will be a little cooler than yesterday. Outlook: Dry, sunny and a little warmer.

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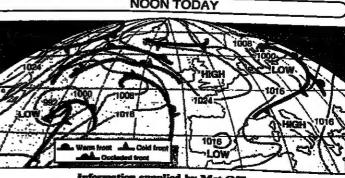
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